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Displeasure over Not Allowing Refugees to Organize Cultural Program

The Tibetan Refugees have been residing in Nepal for the last fifty five years and each year they celebrate the birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. This year, we were informed that the refugee community was to celebrate this sacred day at Namgyal School in Swyambhu, Kathmandu. The Chief District Officer of Kathmandu rejected their formal letter requesting for permission to celebrate the birthday, and instead had verbally instructed the refugee community representatives to carry on the festivities in their homes and Gumbas only, restricting them to celebrate in the public.

As per the instruction of Chief District Officer of Kathmandu, the Tibetan Refugees had announced change in the venue and were celebrating at a Gumba in Swyambhu. It has come to our attention that, at 9 AM, Nepal Police reached the venue and interfered with the cultural celebrations on stage, even removing the photographs. Not being allowed to organize a cultural program is against Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), International Covenant on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and fundamental rights as provisioned in the Constitution of Nepal, 2015. With immense sadness, Human Rights Organisation of Nepal appeals to the Government of Nepal to guarantee at least minimum human rights to refugees residing in Nepal in the coming days.

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