Pre-Election Monitoring Initiative

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Altogether 57 political parties who are opposing the current Voter Registration (VR) move spearheaded by the Election Commission of Nepal (ECN) today submitted a written memorandum to the Chief Election Commissioner, Hon. Mr. Nilkantha Upreti. The agitating parties urged the ECN to immediately halt the on-going VR process until a general consensus is made among all political actors. The parties who have shown a strong resentment to the formation of the Chief Justice-led election government de-recognize its status and in the mean time, have demanded an all-party dialogue to arrive at common grounds of understanding to determine the future political direction in the county. In the memorandum, they also cautioned the ECN to refrain from proceeding with the VR initiative campaign or else face the consequences of the probable undesirable incidents.

In his response, the Chief Election Commissioner informed that the VR is an ongoing process since 2010 to enroll all eligible voters in the upcoming elections, thus, urged the agitating parties not to create hurdle but rather cooperate in such an important endeavor.

Today's event was closely observed by the officials of National Election Observation Committee (NEOC) led by the General Secretary Dr. Gopal Krishna Siwakoti as a part of the pre-election monitoring initiative. NEOC shall continue to monitor the situation across the country during the pre-election phase.

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