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Tons of Development Agreements from China; But Slow on Implementation

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The visit of Nepali Foreign Minister Narayan Khadka to China has lately been the talk of the town. The visit could secure Nepal a grant of NRs. 15 billion and other in kind support like medical equipment, disaster relief materials etc. But as fancy as these promises and agreements made during the occasions like state visits appear, it is also important to note the implementation of such projects.

In the case of China, a pile of promised development projects have remained in limbo for years. The famous projects such as Kathmandu Kerung inland railway, transmission line, Kathmandu ring road expansion, Syabrubesi-Rasuwa Gadhi road expansion etc are at standstill. Similarly, the other projects to be carried out under the “Belt and Road Initiative” are also stuck as Nepal and China couldn’t build a consensus if the projects should be carried out under loan or grant.

The Nepali government makes utmost efforts to gain development support from foreign actors, but it is also equally important to hold them accountable on their promises. The government should also focus on creating an enabling environment to execute the projects, if that is causing a hindrance.

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Governance Issues of the Week

1. The government has formed an expert committee to study the construction of the international airport at Nijgadh, Bara. The committee was formed as the Supreme Court has canceled all old decisions related to the airport, and ordered to start related work only after further study. The committee has been given a month to submit its report.

Read more: [Kantipur](#)

2. Niharika Rajput, a rape survivor, tried to immolate herself outside the President’s Office after the government didn’t implement the 5-point agreement signed with her earlier. She had staged a hunger protest demanding action against her rapist. Niharika was taken to hospital by the police after her attempt to self-immolate.

Read more: [The Annapurna Express](#)

3. The House of Representatives sent the impeachment motion against the Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher JB Rana to the impeachment recommendation committee. The impeachment motion is being taken ahead after six months of being tabled in the parliament.

Read more: [Nayapatrika](#)

4. The Election Commission has decided to run a program to update the electoral roll for the upcoming parliamentary and provincial elections from August 28 to September 4. People can apply to correct errors in their voter list, remove names of voters who have passed away, and shift their voter list to a convenient polling place within a ward.

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5. The High Court, Tulsi Pur has stopped the tender process of the Lumbini Provincial Hospital, after a writ was filed about the irregularities observed in the process. The Procurement Monitoring Office had also earlier sought clarification from the Provincial Infrastructure Development Authority about a contract that breached the regulation.

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6. The Investment Board Nepal has decided to give permission to study and develop two hydropower projects in Western Nepal, 750MW West Seti Hydropower Project and 450MW Seti River (SR-6) to the Indian state-owned NPHC Limited. The estimated cost of the projects is NRs. 305 billion.

Read more: [The Kathmandu Post](#)

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