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Five Provincial Governments in Question as Inefficiencies and Political Discord Prevail

The effectiveness and relevance of provincial governments in Nepal have become questionable, with some provinces lagging behind in terms of development and governance. Despite the constitutional mandate to devolve power to the provinces, many face challenges in achieving their objectives. The effectiveness of provincial governments has come under scrutiny, with questions raised about their ability to address local needs.

Six months have passed since the provincial elections, but only two out of seven provinces have successfully completed their cabinet formation. The remaining five provinces are still in the process of forming their cabinets, and the lack of a clear timeline has raised concerns about the stability of the provincial administrations.

Regional Update

1. Farmers are facing a decline in prices compared to previous years. Despite the growth in production and exports, Nepalese cardamom is facing stiff competition from other countries, particularly India, Pakistan, Germany, Italy, and the United States. Despite the increase in exports from Nepal, the export value from Nepal exceeded a value of 7.28 billion rupees in the span of the past ten months, Nepal has exported a record-breaking quantity of 892.16 thousand kilograms of cardamom. The main importers of cardamom are India, Pakistan, Germany, Italy, and the United States. Besides the growth in production and exports, the price of cardamom has also seen a decrease, with the price of cardamom in Nepal falling below the international market price.

2. The Parliamentary Committee on Law, Justice, and Human Rights has formed an 11-member sub-committee to look into the TRC Act (2014) and proposed amendments. The sub-committee will hold discussions with victims and other relevant stakeholders and submit its recommendations to the bill, including the categorization of murder and other offenses based on their seriousness. The sub-committee will also hold discussions with victims and other relevant stakeholders and submit its recommendations to the bill.

3. Nepal Airlines Corporation (NAC) has signed agreements with British Airways and Air France-KLM to open direct flights to London and Paris, respectively. The agreements are part of the airline's efforts to enhance its international connectivity and increase its market share in the European market.

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