



# Non-Resident Madheshis Association

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## Press Release

Non-Resident Madheshis Association (NRMA) is deeply saddened by reports coming from Madhesh in Nepal, that of custodial torture and resultant death of Madheshi activist Ram Manohar Yadav, a resident of Janaki Rural Municipality-6 Kapasi of Banke district.

Late Ram Manohar Yadav who is survived by his wife and 3 young children, was arrested along with 3 others on 23rd August 2018 from a political program in Bardiya, conducted in the presence of Deputy Prime Minister and Health Minister Upendra Yadav. They were arrested from the program hall fearing that they might ask questions to the minister. He was earlier arrested several times in past on charge of sedition and was released each time by court, for lack of evidence.

NRMA strongly condemns this unlawful arrest, brutal torture in custody, lack of proper treatment in custody and death resulting from the torture. NRMA strongly appeals to international community, Human Rights organization, Intellectuals and general public to call Government of Nepal to honor the established norms of Human Rights, investigate the death in impartial way, punish the perpetrators, compensate the victim's family, declare the deceased as Martyr and preventing unlawful arrests, custodial torture and custodial death.

NRMA, hence appeal to Government of Nepal and its security forces to observe restraint while handling political dissents.

Sincerely,

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