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Statement to express serious concern over restrictions placed on the freedom of expression of Nepali citizens

The Executive Committee of the **Britain-Nepal Academic Council** (BNAC), which consists of academics from the universities of Durham, Edinburgh, Leeds, Limerick, London, and Oxford, and from the Centre for Nepal Studies UK, wishes to express its serious concern over restrictions placed on the freedom of expression of Nepali citizens in debates over the new constitution. The BNAC urges the Government of Nepal to secure and protect the freedom of expression of all Nepali citizens, regardless of background and however controversial their opinions, particularly in matters concerning the current constitution-making process.

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