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## **Human Rights: The Current Situation in Nepal**

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## **Democracy Derailed: What Next for Nepal?**

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