Despite Nepal having made all the tremendous progress on sexual and gender minority rights, especially after the supreme court decision ordering Nepal government to issue citizenship ID to third genders according to their gender identity, also ordering Nepal to amend all discriminatory laws and policies against LGBT and form a committee to draft same sex marriage bill for government to pass; sexual and gender minorities still face marginalization and discriminated. The supreme court's decision have not been implemented by government so third gender are still denied of citizenship according to their gender identity, the discriminatory Laws and policies have not been amended by government leading continuous discrimination from education, health, job, housing, sectors and more. The committee have been formed and drafting the marriage law for same sex couples to legally recognized their relationship and violence from security forces have been gone down but many LGBTI still face abuses in smaller towns and government security forces has not been proactive to protect LGBTI from violence and abuse. We have also seen increasing number of lesbians and gays being harassed and charged on false charges by the Nepal army, Nepal police, traffic police and many lesbians and gays from these security forces live in fear and intimidation when these institutions suspected some one being gay and lesbian. Many lesbians and gays came to last few months to Blue Diamond Society expressing the systematic oppression by these security forces with in against gays and lesbians. Government started introducing budget to support LGBT programs from 2008 but still very small, there is no education, health, job and other support programs for LGBTIs by government. The reluctance of Nepal government implementing supreme court decision is in itself a violation of rule of law. Nepal army have fired two years ago two lesbians and their case have been brought to supreme court, the couple fare, looking at the trends by court on Nepal army, they may not get the justice with in Nepal.

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