

# Government extends support to ICC

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Nepal could compete for the post of the judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC). On the grounds of its having a strong legal system, this is a feasible option and the government has also extended full support in its establishment. However, to be able to compete for the post, Nepal has to endorse the treaty by July 1.

"The legal system of Nepal complies with that of ICC and the only task ahead is to ratify the treaty before July 1," states a press release issued by Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC), presently working as a network for Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) in Nepal. HR activists of Nepal are enthusiastic over the possibility of Nepal ratifying the treaty and hence helping the formation of ICC that will bring an end to the culture of impunity.

Representatives from HMG, political parties, national human rights commission, Parliamentarians and human rights and foreign affairs committee of Parliament discussed the matter with delegates from CICC. They have also pledged their full support in the ratification process. ICC, which will come into existence on July 2, is governed by its own assembly and will look after cases of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and aggression.