



SUMMARY

Rights Corridor has just concluded its special episode of Rights Corridor Dialogues looking into the cases of deaths among Nepali migrant workers in the destination countries – Qatar and other Gulf states.

The online discussion on April 17 was streamed live on Rights Corridor Facebook page and uploaded on Twitter and Rights Corridor website. [Watch full video.](#)

Human rights and migration experts Anurag Devkota of Law and Policy Forum for Social Justice (LAPSOJ-Nepal), Ms. Vani Saraswathi, Associate Editor and Director of Projects, Migrant-Rights.org, Dr. Naresh Sen, Ph.D., Secretary General/BOD and former VP of Nepal Association – NRNA UAE Community, and Mr. Murtaza Khan, partner at Fragomen, the world's largest immigration firm and representative of the GFMP's Business Mechanism for the Middle East, join Rights Corridor Managing Director Froilan Malit, Jr. for an engaging conversation on the alarming increase in the number of deaths among Nepali migrant workers in Qatar and across the Gulf region.

The April 17 episode has earned 5,669 impressions in Twitter as of April 27, with 130 engagements.

Related tweets earned likes and were retweeted by prominent figures in the field of human rights and migration.*

OBJECTIVE

The *Nepali Migrant Deaths in the Gulf*, attempt to answer critical questions about the origin and host states' responsibilities to protect the rights and welfare of migrant workers in Qatar, where at least 6,500 Nepal immigrants were reported to have died since the start of World Cup 2022 construction.

It also explored the causes and consequences of migrant death incidents among Nepali and other migrant workers in Qatar and other Gulf states, to come up with recommendations on how to better address migrant vulnerabilities in the region.

CONCLUSION

In his virtual presentation in RC Dialogues, human rights lawyer Anurag Devkota said, destination countries should be responsible and should be held accountable for one and every death that happened in their territories, within their boundaries.

Vani Saraswathi emphasised on the lack of analysis around the deaths of young Nepali men of certain age group who are dying more than women migrant workers or young male workers of other nationalities.

Dr. Naresh Sen on the other hand, criticises the Nepali diplomats who he said represent the migrant workers in the destination countries and whose primary duty is to protect migrants' rights and welfare, for their inaction in cases of death of undocumented workers.

Dr. Sen added that in general, the Nepali government has no structure in generating decent jobs for migrant workers in the destination countries, nor in promoting and advocating smooth reintegration similar to that the Philippine government.

Immigration law expert Murtaza Kahn highlighted the importance of data and the role of stakeholders in addressing the concerns of migrant workers as a whole.

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