

**Report No. 759/2556 on Civil and Political Rights Protection – case on the young novice had taken drug and causing negative image for the temple.**

- **Issues of Complaint:**

The National Human Rights Commission received the complaint that the Commander of one of the Police Stations in Songkhla province together with the police team had arrested 7 young novices in Songkhla province for illegal gathering and taken drug narcotic. But the Complainant viewed that the news report was not true.

- **Result of NHRC Consideration**

The National Human Rights Commission viewed that the current Interim Constitution B.E. 2557 had provided the protection on Human Dignity, Rights, Liberty and Equality and in line with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in which individual person is being protected by law and constitution. Not to be interfered or deprived of dignity fame and privacy, when considering the complaint, even though the evidence cannot be found from the defendant, But it was taken by the wife of the defendant. However, the defendant who was the police didn't be careful enough, causing the wife who was the outsider knew information or operation and bring the photographs of the operation to expose publicly and causing the problems for others. It's violation of rights and liberty affecting the dignity, fame, and the privacy, The NHRC then recommended to the National Police Office to instructed their officers be careful in keeping the photographs, records or any materials related to the operation or arresting process that might cause the violation which these rights are recognized and protected by the constitution and international Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

- **Success and progress in Human Rights Protection**

The **Royal Thai Police (RTP)** informed the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) that RTP had informed all units under their authority to instruct concerned police officers to take seriously and be careful to keep photographs, records or any information related to the official operation or arresting process especially the information that might be violating other individual rights seriously. RTP has already stressed that no one, other than the police officers, has authority to expose any information or evidence to general public.