

## Prez's visit sparks protests in Janakpur

The situation has remained tense due to President Bidhya Devi Bhandari's visit to Janakpur since early Wednesday. President Bhandari's participation for the Ram-Janaki Bibaha Mahotsav has sparked protests all over Janakpur.

Supporters of Madhesi Morcha and Madhesi coalition are jointly demonstrating at Janakpur's main chowk. The security has been tightened and heavy deployment of security personnel can be seen in the area.

The agitating Samyukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha (SLMM) had announced on Tuesday that it would protest Bhandari's visit. Bhandari is scheduled to arrive at Janakpur at around 12 pm by a helicopter.

Meanwhile, the Ram Janaki temple is being evacuated for security purposes. The pilgrims from Nepal and India have complained that it is improper to evacuate the pilgrims from temple premises.