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Upon self-examination and evaluation of the reports, the social media platforms like Facebook, Youtube,Tik-Tok etc has been observed being misused to spread misleading and false materials to the general public online. Spreading hoax and sensitive information results in disruptive to family and individual life, incites someone to take their own life by spreading negative information by affecting someone's mental health, attacks on the state's sovereignty and the mutual international relationships. These acts are detrimental to the dignity of journalism in general.

It is without a doubt that if such insensitive, irresponsible and unprofessional acts contrary to the journalistic ethics and values are not paid attention to then it will result in dangerous atmosphere in the society. Therefore, Nepal press council directs these mediums not to commit acts beyond the ethics and morale of the profession of the journalism. Hence, council calls Ministry of Communication and Information technology and other concerned stakeholders to take these actions seriously on the due time.