



Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 10

Date: May 4, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

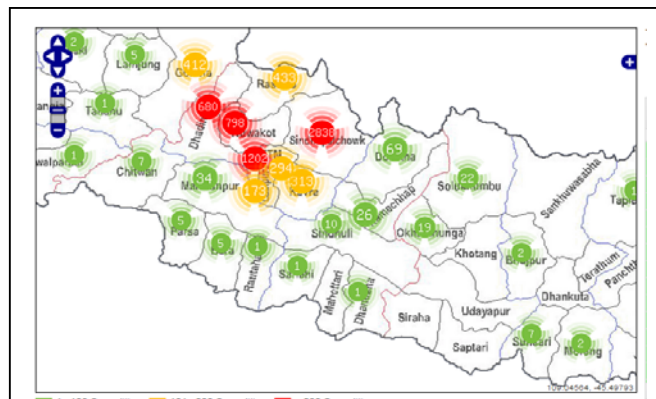
Human Casualties (Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)

Death: 7,366

Injured: 14,371

Govt Requests Int'l Search and Rescue Teams to Exit

Nepal government has formally requested the International Search and Rescue (SAR) teams to make exit plans saying that national capacity is enough to take charge in the current situation. The Central Natural Disaster Relief Committee decided to request the international SAR teams to demobilize after a week following the government's appeal to step in. Though the SAR teams have been requested to return, the international



No. of persons killed in earthquake in map as of May4
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medical teams should be allowed to treat the earthquake survivors as most of the health offices in the affected districts have been damaged and there is an urgent need to treat huge number of injured. Their presence is necessary also because even before the earthquake struck, the people were deprived of basic health facilities owing to the lack of health workers as per the positions. Lack of temporary shelter will expose the quake survivors in open space for a long period, posing health risks. Moreover, lack of management of dead livestock that have been buried in the debris of houses has posed additional threat to the lives of quake survivors. The government needs to be extra cautious in this matter.

Highlights

- The government will present a special resolution motion regarding relief and rehabilitation for earthquake victims in the Legislature-Parliament meeting scheduled for May 7.
- A team of INSEC led by Executive Director Bijay Raj Gautam and Mid Regional Coordinator Krishna Gautam observed the human and physical loss incurred by the earthquake and the relief distribution process in Dolakha. Most of the victims



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expressed their anger and concern over inadequate supply of relief materials from the government while the government officials have expressed commitment to provide relief as soon as possible to all quake survivors.

- A total of 5200 tarpaulins have been distributed in Okhaldhunga so far but the VDCs of Patle and Bhusinga among others are yet to get any due to the absence of VDC secretaries in those places.
- Though District Disaster Relief Centre (DDRC) claimed that all the quake victims have received first leg of relief, locals complained lack of relief in remote VDCs, including Jharlang, Ri, Sertung, Lapal, Raile, Kiranchok, Pida, Gajuri, Mahadevsthan, Jogimara, Dhusa.
- Locals of Godavari Municipality, Chapagaun, Jharuwabasi, Thecho VDC and Karyabinayak Municipality in Lalitpur complained lack of relief distribution in their areas.
- While 1580 families are in need of relief materials in Khotang, the arriving relief is sufficient for only 400 families. The relief distribution team distributed only cash following shortage of relief materials.
- Most of the houses in Dharmasthali area of Tarakeshwar Municipality in Kathmandu are completely damaged in the earthquake. They are currently living in school premises and fields. No government help for the people has arrived yet. Many new mothers and pregnant women are also suffering while the carcasses are reeking.
- The earthquake of April 25 is learnt to have damaged 96 schools in the Tanahun, according to the District Education Office.
- The people of Khotang district have expressed dissatisfaction over categorization of the district among the less affected ones. They claimed that it was injustice to label them as less affected because the quake had affected millions worth property if not claimed the lives.
- Human Rights activists of Rupandehi have issued joint appeal urging all to join in the effort to support quake victims. They have drawn the Chief District's Attention not to allow misuse of the relief materials.

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