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## **Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 30**

Date: May 24, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)

Death: 8,648

Injured: 16,808

### **Political party cadres among the Earthquake Survivors**

The major political parties have mobilized their sister wings and the party cadres to help earthquake survivors construct their temporary shelters. Such parties include ruling Nepali Congress and CPN-UML, UCPN-M and its splinter groups.

The parties' sister wings and political cadres, mobilized as per their respective parties' political strategies and objectives, have faced criticisms for the bandhs and strikes they enforce. The present effort to extend a helping hand to people to remove the rubble and construction of temporary shelters is commendable.

However, it would have been better had the political parties come together to devise a joint plan, divide the need and area among themselves and to go to the field to execute the plan, at a time when the parties were mulling national government to face this huge challenge.

Going to the field without any need assessment and coordination, there is a possibility that the neediest people might be overlooked. The Chief District Officers have been saying that they do not have any formal information of arrival of such political cadres and whatever they know is only through the media.

It is an irony that while the government is asserting on maintaining one-door policy for relief distribution, the ruling parties and oppositions are apparently undermining the same government policy and government mechanism. It would be relevant for the parties to ask their cadres to coordinate with local authorities while providing support to the quake survivors.

### **Highlights**

- The landfall of Kafaldanda in Ramche VDC, cracked during the earthquakes of April 25 and May 12, has also blocked Kaligandaki River. Twenty-six homes of Baisari in Bhagwati VDC-2 were buried in the landslide occurred at around 2 am in May 24. No human casualty has been reported. A team of Deputy CDO Tek Bahadur KC, DSP Hira Giri and District Land Protection Officer Diwakar Poudel among others had decided to evacuate the people of the area following the team's monitoring visit after a landslide in the same place on May 22. DSP Giri said no life was lost because the locals heeded to the team's warning.
- Some community schools of Dang are running classes in the open field after the April 25 earthquake and its aftershocks damaged the buildings, District Education Office informed. Ten schools including Mahendra Secondary School, Tulasipur,

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Primary School, Kauwaghari, Shankar Secondary School, Pipari Deukhuri, Hanseshwar Primary School, Bhagawanpur decided to have classes in the open after the engineers advised against use of the buildings. Some schools are conducting classes in two shifts while some are teaching students in open fields and in the tree shades.

- The prison building in Ramechhap Bazaar has collapsed because of the earthquake of April 25 and its aftershock of April 26 and May 12. The building was badly damaged after the quakes of April 25 and 26 and it came down after the May 12 quake. The building has over 250 convicts and under-trial inmates. They were held in the open surrounded by security personnel for four days after the building collapsed. The inmates are being kept in the tents in the same place after clearing the rubble.
- District Administration Office, Kalikot informed that the Great Earthquake damaged property worth Rs 20 million. 42 school buildings are damaged among them seven were flattened and remaining are uninhabitable.

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