



## **Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 40**

Date: June 3, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

## **Human Casualties (Source: MoHA)**

Death: 8,702

Injured: 22,220

NHRC Calls on Government to Manage Shelters for Quake Victims before Monsoon  
National Human Rights Commission has urged the government to ensure people's right to life by providing them safe shelter in the quake-affected districts before the monsoon arrives. NHRC chairperson Anupraj Sharma made the call in a meeting with the secretaries of three ministries. Sharma has also suggested initiating legal action against anyone creating artificial shortage of the food.

### Highlights

- In Gorkha, the locals complained that they were yet to receive Rs 15,000 that the government was distributing for quake victims to build temporary shelter. Up until June 2, only 19 of 60 VDCs and two municipalities have received metal sheets or the money. Only 15,000 villagers have received Rs 15,000. Assistant CDO Dipendra Poudel said the teams had been mobilized for the distribution of money and the metal sheets.
- In Rasuwa, 230 people including some foreigner and domestic tourists and locals are missing in Mailung of Haku VDC and Rasuwagadhi of Timure VDC, District Disaster Relief Centre said. Locals say the number of missing could be higher as there were many national and international tourists in Lamtang on April 25.
- District Agriculture Offices of Okhaldhunga and Ramechhap are distributing free paddy seed is being distributed to farmers who lost everything in the quake from June 2.
- 150 families of Ghyangphedi, the remotest VDC in Nuwakot have been displaced after their village became uninhabitable due to the landslides, triggered by the earthquake.
- INSEC Sindhupalchok began functioning from a tent in Chautara from June 3. The place would be a point of focus for disseminating information on rescue and relief efforts.
- Basic services including telephone, drinking water and electricity are yet to resume in Sindhupalchok, the district hardest hit by the Gorkha Earthquake even in the district headquarters, let alone the remote VDCs.
- In Ramechhap, it has been estimated that construction of 1287 temporary learning centers of 354 schools would cost Rs 32.175 million.
- In Rukum, the security forces began demolishing the damaged homes and schools and constructing new ones in coordination of District Disaster Relief Centre following the request by the locals.
- In Bhaktapur, Thimi Municipality has begun demolishing the houses posing risks to the nearby houses and passersby. The Gorkha Earthquake has

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completely flattened 18,900 homes and partially damaged 9,090 while 1020 houses sustained minor damages in the district. Among them, 4058 houses are in Thimi Municipality. A joint team of Armed Police Force, Nepal Army and technicians has demolished 52 houses out of 623 applications asking for demolition.

- In Tanahun, 42 sacks of rice sent by Nepal Food Corporation as relief for the quake victims have been destroyed on June 3. District Administration Office informed that the rice was destroyed after it was found unsuitable for consumption. The rice, stored in the hall of Karmachari Milan Kendra had gone bad prompting the District Disaster Relief Committee to decide disposing it. Likewise, 178 sacks of potato which had also gone bad, was destroyed the decision in the same meeting.
- In Lalitpur, Ashok Dulal, 35, of Chapagaon-6 and photo journalist for Rajdhani daily has accused Bajrabarahi Higher Secondary School, Chapagaon Principal Rameshwar Maharjan of threatening him. Dulal said that Maharjan was unhappy for publishing a photo of the school with the red sticker it got from District Education Office. Press Chautari Lalitpur has issued a statement on June 3 condemning the incident.

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