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Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 40

Date: June 4, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: MoHA)

Death: 8,702

Injured: 22,220

Don't Resume Studies in Uncertified School Buildings: MoE

Ministry of Education (MoE) has instructed concerned parties not to conduct classes in the buildings which are yet to be assessed by the experts. Issuing a notice on June 4, the MoE made the stern instruction after receiving numerous complaints from the Kathmandu Valley and out of it that the schools had begun teaching without ensuring safety of their buildings. MoE, instead, has asked for running temporary learning centers to run academic activities and to ensure experts' assurance on safety of the buildings. It estimates that of 19,289 schools in 49 quake affected districts, 6902 are flattened. A total of 16475 classrooms are completely damaged while 7266 are partially damaged and 12613 have minor damages.

Highlights:

- National Disaster Management, Monitoring Committee has asked the government to provide Rs 50,000 to the quake victims for construction of temporary shelter. The government had earlier decided to hand out Rs 15,000 for the cause which the committee viewed as being insufficient. The committee's meeting held on June 3 also asked the government to submit a report on status of implementation of its instruction and process. It also asked the government to ensure the relief materials and amounts reached victims in all the affected districts within five days. The committee issued the instructions on the basis of the report submitted by the parliamentarians who conducted monitoring visit of worst affected 14 districts.
- In Sindhupalchok, Chautara Municipality has begun demolishing the houses damaged in the Gorkha Earthquake and its aftershocks from June 4. The Municipality had given a deadline to the locals till June 3 to retrieve the valuables from their homes. Municipality executive chief Shree Krishna Poudyal said they would start bulldozing the rubble.
- District Development Committee Sindhupalchok has begun distributing Rs 15,000 to the quake victims for the purchase of metal sheets to construct temporary shelters. The money, being distributed through the VDC secretaries, would be for only those whose houses were completely flattened, Assistant

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CDO Bharat Prasad Acharya said citing the directive. He added that 63,500 houses were completely destroyed in the district.

- In Kathmandu, the District Police Office has moved from its station at Hanumandhoka, near Basantpur Darbar Square to the building of National Trading, Teku after the Hanumandhoka building was badly damaged. DSP Bishwaraj Pokharel said that lack of space and official environment was affecting their function as the police personnel are sleeping in the tents. They are also facing shortage of drinking water and toilets.
- A team led by Rautahat constituency no. 4 CA member Ram Kumar Bhattarai has so far built seven huts at Todke of Jhirghari in Namtar VDC up until June 3.

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