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Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 43

Date: June 6, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: MoHA)

Death: 8,702

Injured: 22,220

INSEC chairperson Subodh Raj Pyakurel has stated that civilians' long term residence should fall within state's rights. Speaking at a meeting with the Pokhara-based civil society members in Pokhara on June 5, Pyakurel said that it should not be a matter of individual discretion and stressed for clear state policy and legal provisions for it. He said that the damages inflicted by the recent great earthquake and its fear had created positive impact in the politics. Saying that the people have become aware and knowledgeable, Pyakurel added that it was a positive signal that the political parties have expressed commitment to support the quake victims and to issue the constitution.

In another program in Pokhara, Chairperson Pyakurel said that lack of dialogue with the people had left the State vulnerable. Pyakurel said that the development process has been delayed in the country due to the culture of dependence. Communication with the people is key in democracy, INSEC chairperson stressed adding it was a weakness of the State not to inform people what it was doing where and how. He further said each and every activity carried out by the state should be told to the people.

Highlights

- In Dhading, the donor agencies have not submitted the report of their work to the District Disaster Relief Committee despite nearly one and half months of work. The DDRC has called on the donor agencies to submit their report who were involved in the first leg of relief distribution. In a letter dispatched on June 5, the CDO has asked to provide the details of what kind of relief materials were provided, to whom and of what cost. Twenty-five agencies including Adra Nepal, Care Nepal, AAR Japan, Acted, Focus Nepal, Prayas Nepal, ECO Nepal, Save the Children, NRN and Practical Action among others had provided relief in the district following the quake.
- INSEC founding chairperson and AWC coordinator Sushil Pyakurel has held an interaction with the district-based human rights activists and media persons regarding the post-earthquake scenario in the district. The role of human rights activists and media persons is crucial in monitoring the relief distribution process. "Even the HR activists seem little confused. This is the time to have effective monitoring as the State mechanism becomes weak at such time of crisis", he added. Pointing out that more government buildings than the individual houses were damaged in this quake which

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should demand a query who is responsible for such damage? He also added that the HR activists should also have a vigil over the reconstruction process in the coming days.

- In Ramechhap, primary health center of Manthali has provided shelter to mothers who just gave birth at its premises. The scheme supported by UNICEF would provide the mothers food and shelter for free for a week. Dr Suraj Dhaubhadel of the health center said one caretaker of the mother can also stay in the shelter for free. He added that the pregnant women will be kept at the shelter from their due date. The new mothers and pregnant women are being provided pre and post-natal services in the tents outside the District Health Office after the birthing centers were damaged in the quake.
- In Kaski, Assistant CDO of Kaski Yam Prasad Subedi informed that three people died in the quake and 38 were injured while 1744 houses were completely damaged, 6908 were partially damaged and 55 government buildings were damaged. He added that the first leg of relief had been distributed to all the victim families while Rs 15,000 will be distributed soon. The participants of the program mentioned that the collected relief materials were misused, political parties had interfered with the relief distribution process, real victims had difficulty getting the relief and the State agencies had failed to take effective steps.
- In Makawanpur, the government has begun distribution of Rs 15,000 to the quake victims along with identity cards on June 4. The money is said to be for the purchase the metal sheets to construct T-shelter. First receiver of such relief in the district is Rajiv Kumar Syangtan. The families with their houses completely lost with get Rs 15,000 while those with partial damages will get Rs 3,000.

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