

# Death toll in flood likely <sup>7/26</sup> crossed 1600

By A Staff Reporter

Kathmandu, July 25:  
The death toll in the recent  
devastating floods and landslides  
may have crossed 1600.

According to the spokesman of  
the Home Ministry at least 744  
people have been killed and additional  
859 are still missing.

Preliminary official estimates  
of the damage caused by the floods  
are put at "not less than 10 billion  
rupees."

Twenty one districts have been  
affected by the floods of which  
seven districts - Sindhuli, Kavre,  
Makwanpur, Sarlahi, Chitwan,  
Rautahar and Dhading are badly  
damaged said the spokesman.

Sarlahi, Chitwan, and Makwanpur  
are the worst hit by the floods.  
Kathmandu has been a total  
completely cut off as the two major  
highways connecting the country  
with the rest of the country which  
are considered lifeline of the  
major bridges - three in Prithvi  
Highway - and one in East West  
bridges - and several other small  
washed away.

About one million people  
including more than one hundred  
thousand families have been  
affected by the floods.  
Rescue and relief operations are  
underway on a war footing. Police,  
army, political parties, social  
workers, non governmental  
organizations and INGOs are  
engaged in the rescue and relief  
operations in a coordinated  
manner.

Six helicopters, two skyvans and  
other aircraft are being mobilized  
for the same. The spokesman said  
About 10,000 people are being  
rescued by helicopters alone over  
25 thousand people displaced by  
the floods, are living in various  
relief camps set up in three districts  
of Chitwan, Rautahar and Sarlahi.

The spokesman said, in hilly  
districts, the flood victims are taking  
shelter in neighbour's and  
relatives houses. However, we  
are taking care of them, as well.  
The injured persons that include  
107 are undergoing treatment in  
different hospitals as  
According to the spokesman, a  
warehouse has been set up at the  
Tribhuvan International Airport  
through which all relief materials  
are dispatched to different flood  
affected areas.



Bishnumati River Kathmandu Valley

# SINDHULI: Immediate assistance demanded

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landslides in Sindhuli district.  
The swollen Gaduali river has covered the five and half kilometer long Gaduali river irrigation canal built at a cost of Rs. 2.3 million.  
According to chief district officer Ramratan Mishra, landslides have also damaged Sindhuli-Bardibas road at different places.  
Repair of the Sindhuli-Bardibas road is expected to take one month.  
Shortage of essential commodities is being felt in the district.  
The district administration has made arrangements for distribution of essential commodities and kerosene through coupons.  
Meanwhile, the swollen Kamala River is reported to have swept away the house of Bagare Karki, a resident of ward No. 9 of Hatpate VDC, and 10 cattles.  
The floods caused by the Kamala River has affected Nipane, Harshahi, Hatpate and Shishauli VDCs falling under the Dakaha region, according to the regional police offices.

# Swept away 7/26

Janakpurdham (RSS)  
A water pipe worth around Rs. 225,000/- of the Tulsī Chauraha Drinking Water Project has been swept away by the flooded Ratu Stream on the boundary of Dhanusa and Mohottari districts.  
According to Dhanusa district drinking water office, the project was only recently completed and water was about to be supplied

# HELP FLOOD VICTIMS 7/26

Many people have become victims of floods and landslides caused by the incessant rains recently.  
Hundreds died and thousands of people became homeless.  
Your small contribution to the destitute people, who became victim of the natural calamity, will prove to be of immense help for them.  
Let us help them wholeheartedly.  
Those willing to help the victims of floods and landslides can do so through the Gorakha Patra Corporation by sending in drafts or depositing cash amounts at the corporation's office.  
People making contribution of more than a hundred rupees will find their names printed in the daily Gorakha Patra.

# PM apprised of Sindhuli problems 7/25

Kathmandu, July 24 (RSS):  
A delegation of Sindhuli district met Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala at his residence in Baluwatar Saturday and demanded relief assistance for the flood and landslide affected people of the district.  
The delegation also apprised the Prime Minister of the loss of live and property caused by floods and landslides in the district.  
MPs Dr. Dhruva Prasad Dhakal and Prakash Koirala, and DDC chairman Harendra Jung Thapa were in the delegation.  
According to the members of the delegation, the swollen Gwang River is posing danger to Sindhulimadi Bazaar.  
Meanwhile, supply of electricity and drinking water has been disrupted by floods and

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