

# Resilience is the topic of discussion about Nepal earthquake

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## NEPAL DEVASTATED

7.6 magnitude quake shatters country • 1,462 bodies recovered so far • Century-old Dharhara razed to ground

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A devastating earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale shook Nepal at 11.56am today and its effects were felt in all the districts.

According to Ministry of Home Affairs, bodies of 1,462 people were recovered from the debris all this evening. In Kathmandu, the quake killed at least 181 people.

Sources said more than 400 people were receiving treatment at National Trauma Centre. Government agencies said did not have the exact figure of injured people but the number of injured could be in thousands.

The quake caused massive damage of life and property across the country. Home Ministry officials said over 700,000 houses were either fully or partially destroyed across the country and in Kathmandu alone 300,000 houses suffered partial damage. Scores of houses were stated to the ground in the capital.

Ministry of Home Affairs received initial reports of damage of life and property from 25 districts of Nepal.



Thirty-year-old Pramilla Nepali being rescued by national mountain bike team members at Chovar, Kirtipur, on the outskirts of Kathmandu, on Saturday.

was at Barpak in Gorkha district, said Lek Biju Adhikari, Chief of scale. This is the severest quake in Kathmandu Valley, most of the old structures and monuments around structures in Kathmandu

### Districtwise death toll

- Kathmandu: 181
- Sindhupalchok: 130
- Bhaktapur: 144
- Rasuwa: 70
- Lalitpur: 66
- Nuwakot: 55
- Kare: 36
- Dolakha: 28
- Gorkha: 25
- Ramechhap: 17
- Dhading: 9
- Sunwar: 7
- Makhuwaga: 7
- Maklepur: 6
- Sindhuli: 5
- Solukhumbu: 2
- Bhojpur: 2
- Achham: 1
- Bara: 2
- Tanahun: 1
- Rajpi: 1
- Kaili: 2
- Jajari: 2

As aftershocks occurred frequently, employees at Tribhuvan International Airport ran for safety, deserting their job desks halting flights at the airport.

Dev Chandra Lal Karna, TISA Director for Operation said they could not resume flights for a few hours as employees left their job desks and the management could not force them to come at such hour when the possibility of aftershocks was very high. The TISA buildings, however, did not suffer any major damage.

TIFF correspondents visited its hospital, Teaching Hospital, Star Hospital, Megha Hospital and Alka Hospital in three hours of the disaster and found that a number of injured patients were coming for treatment every moment.

After the quake, patients receiving treatment at Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, panicked and rushed out of their wards, along with their attendants/helpers.

Director of the Hospital Prof Dr Dipak Prakash Mahara said hundreds of doctors and nurses voluntarily came to the hospital to treat thousands of victims coming to the

stayed out of their houses and camped in the open at night. The city residents filled nearby

It's been less than seven months since a devastating earthquake shook the Himalayan nation of Nepal, leaving more than 9,000 people dead, more than 23,000 injured and hundreds of thousands of homeless.

The story of the earthquake ? and how the country is recovering ? will be front and center Monday (Nov. 16) when Gangalal Tuladhar, a member of the Nepal Parliament and former education minister, speaks at Forum Tulane: Resilience, sponsored by the [Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy](#) (DRLA) at Tulane University.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Jones Hall, Room 204, on the Tulane uptown campus. It will be followed by a reception.

Tuladhar will be joined by Ky Luu, executive director of the DRLA and a clinical associate professor. The two will speak about the Nepal earthquake and key lessons on how to reduce disaster risk and promote resilience in vulnerable communities.

“Learning is a critical component of strengthening resilience,” says Luu, a former director of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance. “Therefore, the lessons that are emerging from the Nepal earthquake on how to better prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters can benefit us all as we face future challenges.”

Tuladhar is the coordinator for the National Campaign for Disaster Risk Reduction Nepal. An adviser to the former deputy prime minister and home minister, he organizes regular academic and parliamentary seminar series for evidence-based local risk management systems and policies in Nepal.

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