

# SITUATION UPDATE AND ANALYSIS: RAUTAHAT FLOODING

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## OVERVIEW:

As continuous heavy rainfall persists since Thursday, water levels in major rivers, including Lalbakaiya, Bagmati, and Jhanjh, have surged, triggering severe flooding and landslides across Nepal. Rautahat, known for its flood-prone areas, has experienced significant inundation as these rivers overflowed their banks, leading to the inundation of settlements and the displacement of thousands. Communities along the riverbanks are facing devastating impacts, with homes and livelihoods destroyed and essential services severely disrupted.



*Floodwaters are engulfing the settlement in Rajdevi Municipality, Ward Number 9 (Katarban), placing residents at high risk as the situation continues to deteriorate.*

## AFFECTED AREAS:

*Based on the reports received from our staff, stakeholders and local governments, Campaign Nepal<sup>1</sup> has noted down the following updates:*

1. **Dewahi Gonahi Municipality (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4)** – 100% of these wards are severely impacted, with almost all homes submerged under water. Residents have been forced to evacuate, seeking shelter in makeshift camps or nearby elevated areas.
2. **Gujara Municipality** – Most of the wards in Gujara have been submerged. Floodwater levels remain dangerously high, cutting off access to essential services and leaving large numbers of people stranded.
3. **Gaur Municipality** – The city of Gaur is currently facing severe flooding, with water from the Lalbakaiya, Bagmati, and Jhanjh rivers blocking access in and out of the area. Roadways have been blocked due to the flooding, severely disrupting transportation and the movement of goods and emergency services. As the water levels continue to rise, there are increasing concerns that the floods are likely to engulf Gaur by 2

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AM. Local authorities have reported that emergency services are on high alert, preparing for potential evacuations and rescue operations. The flooding has already disrupted transportation, cutting off vital supply routes, and isolating residents from access to essential services.

4. **Paroha Municipality (Wards 1, 2, 3, 9)** – These wards are 100% affected by the flooding. The area has seen the complete destruction of homes, with residents displaced and seeking emergency relief.
5. **Chandrapur Municipality (Nunthar)** – Three houses have been washed away, while 60 to 70 additional houses remain at high risk due to continued rainfall and rising water levels. The residents are in urgent need of evacuation and temporary shelter.
6. **Rajpur Municipality** – All homes in the municipality have been inundated. The entire population is in dire need of rescue and support.
7. **Gadhimai Municipality (Dharampur, Singarban)** – Dharampur and Singarban areas are severely affected, with floodwaters causing massive destruction to homes and public infrastructure.
8. **Durga Bhagwati Municipality (Ward 4)** – Ward 4 is experiencing significant flooding, with homes and farmlands submerged, leading to displacement and loss of livelihoods for many families.
9. **Rajdevi Municipality (7 Wards)** – All 7 wards of Rajdevi municipality have been inundated, with people displaced and emergency assistance required for both rescue and relief.
10. **Yamunamai Municipality (2 Wards)** – These two wards are facing extensive damage, with most homes underwater. Emergency shelter and supplies are needed.
11. **Madhaw Narayan Municipality (Madhawpur, Wards 2, 3, 5)** – Madhawpur and the specified wards are facing a severe flooding situation. Many homes are underwater, and the residents are facing food and water shortages.

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES:

1. **Search and Rescue Operations** – With multiple municipalities fully submerged, immediate rescue operations are essential, particularly in areas like Rajpur and Paroha, where people are stranded.
2. **Relief and Shelter** – Thousands of displaced families are in need of temporary shelter, food, water, and sanitation facilities. There is an urgent requirement to establish relief camps in safe areas.
3. **Road Access** – The complete blockage of roads in Gaur and surrounding areas has complicated relief efforts. Airlifting and boat rescues may be necessary to reach stranded populations.
4. **Health Risks** – The stagnant water and poor sanitation in flooded areas increase the risk of waterborne diseases. Medical teams and supplies must be deployed urgently to prevent outbreaks.
5. **Damage to Infrastructure** – The flooding has destroyed homes, schools, and health centers, while roads and bridges have been washed away. A thorough assessment of the damage is needed to plan long-term reconstruction efforts.

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