



# SITUATION UPDATE AND ANALYSIS: RAUTAHT FLOODING

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This situation updates and analysis has been prepared by Campaign Nepal based on reports received from our staff and stakeholders in the flood-affected areas in coordination with local governments.

## OVERVIEW:

Continuous heavy rainfall since Thursday has triggered severe floods and landslides across Rautahat, a district highly vulnerable to flooding due to its proximity to the Lalbakaiya, Bagmati, and Jhanjh rivers. The rising water levels have caused these rivers to overflow, resulting in widespread inundation of settlements, severe displacement of communities, and substantial property damage. The flood situation has overwhelmed local resources, disrupting essential services and isolating key areas. Nearly all areas in the district have been affected by the floodwaters, creating a dire humanitarian crisis.

## AFFECTED AREAS:

### 1. Dewahi Gonahi Municipality (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4):

All wards in Dewahi Gonahi Municipality are severely impacted, with every household submerged under floodwaters. Families have been forced to evacuate, taking shelter in makeshift camps and elevated areas, while their homes remain inundated.

### 2. Gaur Municipality:

The entire city of Gaur is under water, with extensive flooding making it one of the worst-affected areas. Water from the Lalbakaiya, Bagmati, and Jhanjh rivers has cut off all access to the city, isolating its residents. Roads have been blocked by water and debris, halting transportation and delaying emergency rescue operations. With water levels still rising, Gaur faces the immediate threat of further submersion.



*Roads in Gaur Municipality are submerged with floodwater.*



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## 3. Gujara Municipality:

Most wards in Gujara Municipality are submerged. The water levels remain dangerously high, cutting off access to essential services such as healthcare, food supplies, and safe drinking water. The community is at risk of additional displacement if the water continues to rise.

## 4. Rajdevi Municipality (Ward No. 9, Katarwan):

Floodwaters are progressively engulfing the settlement in Katarban. Residents are at high risk as evacuation efforts are delayed by blocked routes and rising water levels. Efforts are ongoing to provide safe shelter for those in the most vulnerable areas.

## CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE:

- **Displaced Population:** A total of 1,810 households have been displaced, affecting 5,595 individuals.
- **Rescued Individuals:** 123 people have been successfully rescued by security personnel and local rescue teams, as reported by the Disaster Bulletin prepared by the District Administration Office (DAO), Rautahat.
- **Damaged Houses:** Around 1,245 houses remain submerged, with 185 structures reported as either collapsed or severely damaged.
- **Fatalities:** Asha Kumari Sah (14 years old) from Paroha Municipality drowned while cutting grass. Rajkaran Mukhiya (40 years old) from Ward No. 4, Durga Bhagwati Rural Municipality, was swept away by floodwaters. Rambabu Mahto (14 years old) from Baudhi Mai Municipality died of electrocution after handling a water pump.
- **Injuries:** Four people sustained injuries due to house collapses, and two individuals were injured by lightning strikes in Maulapur.

## WATER-BORNE DISEASE OUTBREAK:

With stagnant floodwaters across the district, there is an increasing risk of water-borne diseases such as cholera, diarrhea, and dysentery. Local health facilities are overwhelmed, and there are reports of people falling ill due to contaminated water sources. Immediate medical interventions and access to clean water are urgently needed to prevent a public health crisis.

## ROAD BLOCKAGES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE:

Seven key roads remain impassable due to waterlogging and landslides, hampering transportation and emergency relief efforts.

Several embankments along the rivers have either breached or collapsed, leading to further inundation of downstream communities. Urgent repairs are necessary to prevent additional flooding and safeguard vulnerable populations.

## WATER LEVELS (as of September 29):

- **Lalbakaiya River:** 6.3 meters (Danger Level: 6.0 meters)
- **Bagmati River:** 6.2 meters (Danger Level: 5.8 meters)



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Water levels in the Lalbakaiya and Bagmati rivers remain dangerously high, surpassing their danger marks. Floodwaters are gradually receding in some areas, but Gaur remains under water, and the threat of further submersion looms as rains persist.

## URGENT NEEDS:

Immediate action is required to address the following needs:

- **Shelter:** Displaced families require urgent shelter as many homes are submerged or destroyed.
- **Food and Water:** Access to clean drinking water and food supplies is severely limited. Relief efforts are being delayed due to blocked roads.
- **Medical Assistance:** There is an urgent need for medical teams to treat injuries and prevent the spread of water-borne diseases.
- **Infrastructure Repair:** Immediate restoration of embankments and roadways is necessary to ensure access for relief operations and prevent further flooding.

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Campaign Nepal is working closely with local authorities and stakeholders to continue monitoring the situation and mobilizing relief efforts in the affected areas. For more information or to offer assistance, contact us at: [contact@campaignnepal.org](mailto:contact@campaignnepal.org) | 9851140675