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For the 358<sup>th</sup> issue, we reviewed 16 news reports from 7 sources and selected 11 happenings in five countries. In Nepal, production of electricity has been disrupted while leopards have been spotted in residential areas in Himachal, India. In Tibet, China, desert expansion has been controlled and wild gaur causes trouble in Bhutan. And falling boulders cause deaths in Karak, northern Pakistan.

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## Nepal-Himalaya

### NEPAL EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

- As of 3 June, the Government reported a total of 505,745 houses destroyed and 279,330 damaged by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake on 25 April and the 7.3 quake on 12 May. The earthquakes killed 8,702 people (4,801 female; 3,899 male; 2 bodies remain unidentified) and injured thousands of people. (*Nepal: Earthquake 2015 Situation Report No.20, OCHA*).
- An estimated 2.8 million people are still in need of humanitarian assistance. Reaching some 864,000 people in hard to reach areas who have lost their homes and live below the poverty line is a priority. With the impending monsoon rains expected to further isolate remote villages, district authorities and humanitarian partners continue to prioritize distribution of shelter materials in the northern-most Village Development Committees (VDCs). (*Nepal: Earthquake 2015 Situation Report No.19, OCHA*).
- With reports received of possible relocation of villages and continuing internal migration as a result of the earthquake and eminent arrival of the monsoon, humanitarian partners have expressed the need to ensure that protection monitoring mechanisms are in place. Temporary relocation and encampment is the least preferred option and should only be considered if it is necessary for immediate life-saving purposes. (*Nepal: Earthquake 2015 Situation Report No 20, OCHA*).
- According to the Financial Tracking service, a report compiled by OCHA on the basis of information

provided by donors and appealing organizations as of 02 June 2015 funds received total USD 309.87 million while outstanding pledges total USD 339.07 million.

[https://fts.unocha.org/reports/daily/ocha\\_R10\\_E16575\\_asof\\_\\_\\_1506090300.pdf](https://fts.unocha.org/reports/daily/ocha_R10_E16575_asof___1506090300.pdf)

- The account of funds deposited in PM disaster relief fund has reached four billion Nepalese rupees. <http://drrportal.gov.np/list-of-contributer>
- An earthquake measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale was felt in Kathmandu Valley and surrounding districts, central Nepal at 1:36 pm on Wednesday afternoon. The epicenter was Sindhupalchowk district according to the National Seismological Center (NSC).  
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<http://www.myrepublica.com/society/item/22484-fresh-4-4-magnitude-quake-felt.html>

#### ELECTRICITY DISRUPTION

The production of electricity has decreased by 83 percent in Butwal Power Company, mid-western Nepal. Around 12 megawatt was produced before. The drying of water sources have been the major reason.

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<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/7875>

#### TOXIC LIQUOR

The toxic batch of bootleg liquor has sickened altogether 22 at a Musahar settlement in Chandraayodhyapur-6, Siraha, eastern Nepal on Monday. A health team has been dispatched in the affected area on Tuesday to attend to the medical needs of others who may also have developed health complications after consuming the cheap bootleg liquor.

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<http://www.ekantipur.com/2015/06/10/national/four-die-18-fall-ill-after-drinking-illicit-moonshine-in-siraha/406363.html>

#### FARMERS IN TROUBLE

The farmers of Jiri, Dolakha, north eastern Nepal have been facing difficulties to feed cows. A single cow has been giving 65 liters milk per day. More than 500 liters have been wasted per day in absence of good market.

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<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/7921>

#### IMPROPER SANITATION

Ninety percent of the locals of Baghauda area, Banke district, mid-western Nepal have not constructed toilets. It has created problem for proper sanitation. Only 659 households out of 7,500 households have constructed toilets.

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<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/7905>

## India-Himalaya

#### LEOPARDS SPOTTED

The leopards have been spotted in Dagshai residential areas, Himachal Pradesh, northern India. The clearances of forest and fire incidents have been the major reason for such behavior.

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<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/himachal/leopards-in-their-backyards-as-forest-fire-spreads-in->

## China Himalaya

### DESERT CONTROL

Tibet Autonomous Region, southern China has accomplished 125,600 ha of desert control with a budget of USD 60.22 million. It had a significant effect on the region, holding back the previous surge in desertification. At present Tibet has 43,269,800 ha of desert land and 21,618,600 ha of sandy land.

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[http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/xw/201506/t20150610\\_3179301.html](http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/xw/201506/t20150610_3179301.html)

## Bhutan-Himalaya

### HYBRID MAIZE PLANTATION

The farmers in Mongar town, Mongar district, eastern Bhutan had planted a new variety of hybrid maize P3441, in 40.46 ha this year to boost yield and bring more agricultural area under cultivation. The initiative has been expected to help meet the agriculture ministry's target of increasing maize production by 45 percent in the 11th Plan.

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<http://www.kuenselonline.com/new-variety-of-hybrid-maize-planted-in-mongar/#.VXgOHo6qqko>

### WILD GAUR TROUBLES

A gaur bull has been tranquillized by Wildlife Conservation Division (WCD) officials at Chamkuna's Toorsa embankment in Phuentsholing, southern Bhutan. It was first sighted dawdling in the grassland over the river mounds. A man suffered minor external injuries after being gored by the bull.

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<http://www.kuenselonline.com/getting-the-gaur-down/#.VXgMVI6qqko>

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/wild-gaur-gores-man/#.VXgOvY6qqko>

## Pakistan- Himalaya

### DEADLY BOULDERS

Falling boulders have killed a young laborer in Karak, northern Pakistan. The families of 27 workers killed by falling boulders out of a total of 80 have been compensated by the department. Meanwhile, a man was killed and his two young daughters were seriously injured in a road accident on Indus Highway.

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<http://www.dawn.com/news/1187110/boulders-kill-worker-in-karak-gypsum-mine>