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For the 361st issue, we reviewed 20 news reports from 10 sources and selected 15 happenings in five countries. Landslide wreaks havoc in parts of Nepal, as well as India. In Tibet, China, hot springs have been gaining popularity and lake outburst assessment has been initiated in Bhutan. And leopard cub has been seized in Manshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, northwestern Pakistan.

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Nepal-Himalaya

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

As of 3rd July, 2015, over 8,844 deaths have been confirmed (NEOC/MoHA). Around 598,401 houses had fully damaged and about 283,585 houses had been partially damaged (Humanitarian Bulletin Nepal Earthquake Issue 01 | 1 – 30 June 2015). The table below shows the 15 most affected districts death toll and casualties.

15 most affected districts Nepal earthquake 2015

Sn	District	Total no.of HH	Total Population	Male	Female	Injured
1	Bhaktapur	68636	304651	119	214	2101
2	Dhading	73851	336067	292	386	1218
3	Dolakha	45688	186557	90	86	662
4	Gorkha	66506	271061	215	234	952
5	Kavrepalanchowk	80720	381937	129	189	1179

6	Kathmandu	436344	1744240	622	603	7952
7	Lalitpur	109797	468132	71	109	3051
8	Makwanpur	86127	420477	16	17	229
9	Nuwakot	59215	277471	466	643	1050
10	Okhaldhunga	32502	147984	10	10	61
11	Ramechhap	43910	202646	18	24	134
12	Rasuwa	9778	43300	312	344	771
13	Sindhuli	57581	296192	5	10	230
14	Sindhupalchowk	66688	287798	1545	1987	1573
15	Solukhumbu	23785	105886	17	5	100

(Source: Government of Nepal, Nepal Disaster Risk Reduction Portal)

- Government line ministries and partners continue to respond to unmet humanitarian needs of 2.8 million earthquake-affected people (Humanitarian Bulletin Nepal Earthquake Issue 01 | 1 – 30 June 2015).
- Start of monsoon season limits access and delay ongoing relief operations. (Humanitarian Bulletin Nepal Earthquake Issue 01 | 1 – 30 June 2015).

LANDSLIDE IN HAGAM

A landslide triggered by incessant rainfall at Hagam VDC, Sindhupalchowk district, central Nepal has injured five people, while the seven temporary constructed sheds have been swept away. The injured have been taken to Kathmandu for further treatment. Around 1,750 households of 37 human settlements of Solukhumbu district, eastern Nepal have been reeling under stressful condition

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<http://www.myrepublica.com/society/item/23745-5-injured-in-sindhupalchowk-landslide.html>

<http://www.ekantipur.com/2015/07/03/top-story/solu-folks-fearful-of-possible-landslides-after-heavy-rain/407373.html>

EFFICIENT SEED BANK

The community seed development bank in Shankarpur, Kanchanpur district, far western Nepal has conserved 19 species of local rice seed. More than 1,000 farmers from Shankarpur, Dekhatbhuli, Belauri and Rampur Bilaspur have been buying the seed for agriculture purposes.

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<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/8626>

DRINKING WATER SHORTAGE

There has been shortage of drinking water in Beltar, Udaypur, eastern Nepal after the landslide swept 500m drinking water pipe. More than 3,000 households have been affected from ward 1, 2, 3 and 6.

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<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/8652>

<http://www.nepalnews.com/index.php/news/44365-beltar-reeling-under-drinking-water-crisis>

HEAVY RAIN OBSTRUCTS ROAD

The road joining Ghaighat with Khotang and Diktel, eastern Nepal has been obstructed due to continuous rainfall since a week. The locals and passengers have been forced to walk on foot. Similarly heavy rain has obstructed the road of the section linking Damak to Ilam, eastern Nepal. Locals have been suffering from the obstruction.

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<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/8650>

<http://www.ekantipur.com/2015/07/03/top-story/rainfall-obstructs-falgunanda-road-section/407378.html>

TOURISTS SUFFER

The tourists and devotees to the Muktinath, western Nepal have suffered due to inadequate motorable bridge over the Kaligandagi river along the Jomsom-Muktinath highway. They are being forced to cross over the river and take the vehicle stationed on the other side

July 01

<http://www.nepalnews.com/index.php/top-story/44367-lack-of-motorable-bridge-over-kaligandagi-hampers-tourists>

RHINOS NUMBER UP

The number of one horned rhinos has increased by one this year in the Shuklaphanta wildlife reserve, Kanchanpur district, far western Nepal. The total number of rhinos is now eight. Nepal had observed 2014 as the third 'zero-poaching' year for one-horned rhinos.

July 02

<http://www.myrepublica.com/society/item/23872-rhino-number-in-sukhaphanta-up-this-year.html>

<http://www.nepalnews.com/index.php/news/44405-one-horned-rhino-number-up-by-one-this-year>

India-Himalaya

SUBSIDY FOR VEGETABLE FARMERS

The Uttarakhand government, northern India has extended 75 percent subsidy to farmers engaged in the cultivation of off-season vegetables. The minimum support price of IR 7,000 per metric ton of apple and Malta and IR 4,000 per metric ton of galgal has been announced.

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<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/uttarakhand/rs-7-000-msp-for-apple-malta-75-subsidy-for-vegetable-farmers/100702.html>

LANDSLIDE WREAKS HAVOC

The death toll has reached 40, while 16 have been missing in landslide that hit Darjeeling district, north-eastern India. Around 250 families have been affected. A total compensation of IR 800,000 has been announced for the victims.

July 03

<http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/darjeeling-landslide-toll-increases-to-40-777836>

China Himalaya

HEALTHY HOT SPRINGS

The numerous hot springs have been formed in Tibet, southern China due to the unique geological structure and geographic environment. One could get a hot spring within the distance of 100km. The well-known are Yangbajain, Rudog, Khambu, Lhatse, Chutsankha, Dezhong, and Yeru. These are famous for their healing properties because of their water temperature and mineral content.

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http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/xw/201506/t20150630_3372315.html

SHANDONG PROMOTES LOCAL INCOME

The Shandong Province, Tibet, southern China has invested a total of USD 1.45 million into Elmar village to expand the nursery. The nursery has 60,000 strains of plant seedlings and over 820,000 strains of cuttings at present.

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http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/xw/201506/t20150630_3370337.html

EFFORTS IN PRESERVATION

The number of wild plants and animals has been increasing in Lhalu wetland, northern suburb of Lhasa, Tibet, southwest China due to the growing preservation efforts. It is the world's highest and largest natural urban wetland, covering an area of 12.2 square kilometers. The wetlands have been playing a very important role in improving the city's ecological environment.

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http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/pd/hj/201506/t20150608_3164136.html

Bhutan-Himalaya

LAKE OUTBURST ASSESSMENT

The assessment of the Lemthang glacial lake has begun after its outburst on June 28 evening in Laya, Gasa district, northwestern Bhutan. It had washed away six wooden bridges including the only bridge connecting Laya to the rest of Gasa district.

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<http://www.kuenselonline.com/assessment-on-lake-outburst-begins/#.VZJQEVlUdU>

Pakistan-Himalaya

TRADERS ARRESTED

The district administration of Charsadda district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, northwestern Pakistan has arrested 20 shopkeepers for overpricing and selling expired food items. The expired edible items, including beverages, sweets and biscuits were found in the raid.

July 01

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1191619/traders-arrested-for-profiteering-selling-expired-goods>

LEOPARD CUB FOUND

A leopard cub was seized from a remote village of Gidarpur forest range, Manshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, northwestern Pakistan. It was estimated to be around three months old and was shifted to Dhodiyal Peasantry. Some children of Dharmang Dhodiyal had also found same cub species on August 2013.

July 03

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/913780/forest-and-fauna-wildlife-authorities-seize-leopard-cub/>