The death toll due to the recent earthquakes in Nepal continues rising. According to the latest figures (as of 29 April), at least 5,057 people have been killed and more than 10,000 injured.

Most of the deaths occurred in the districts of Sindhupalchok (1,376) and Kathmandu (1,039). These figures are expected to increase, especially once communication is restored and government officials and aid workers fully access the outlying affected areas. Several remote areas are still cut off or they are difficult to approach. In the last 24h, rainfall affected the areas of Kathmandu Valley (comprising the districts of Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur), hampering rescue operations, which resumed again on 29 April.

As of 28 April, 39 out of the total 75 districts of Nepal have reportedly been affected, 11 of which are mentioned as severely affected. Moreover, up to 90% health facilities in the districts of Gorkha, Sindhupalchok, Ramechapp and Nuwakot have been severely damaged.

One Commission’s humanitarian expert has started today a field mission to Lamjung district, adjacent to Gorkha. Another one is planned to reach Gorkha district on 30 April.

Over the next 24h, thunderstorms are forecast locally in some areas of the hilly region of Nepal, as well as light snowfall in the eastern and western high mountainous regions of the country.

Sources:
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