

Information on affected media and journalists in the Rasuwa Bhotekoshi flash flood (August 26)

S.N.	District	Journalist / Media House	Status	Details	Missing journalist / Family Members	Contacted persons	Current status
1	Rasuwa	Tekraj Thami (Naya Patrika National Daily)	Out of contact	He had travelled to Kerung, a border town in Tibet, to attend an event.	1 journalist	Wife, Kalika Khadka 9851196192	Still searching
2	Rasuwa	Shekhar Dhungana (Freelance Journalist)	Out of contact	He was on a family trip to Kailash Mansarovar with his wife, mother-in-law and father-in-law.	Shekhar Dhungana, his wife, mother-in-law and father-in-law (3)	FNJ Bhaktapur Chapter President Sundar Shilpakar	Two sons have performed final rituals of the missing family members.
3	Nuwakot	Raj Kumar Nepali (National Association of Dalit Journalists)	Out of contact	He has been missing from Betrawati Market following the flood.	1 journalist	Brother Bishnu Nepali	Still searching
4	Dhading	Bipin Malla (Radio Rajmarga)	Safe	His house was hit by the flood and filled with debris and lost motorcycle. He	Residence damaged	Bipin Malla	

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				and his family are staying on-rent in Galchhi Dhading			
5	Rasuwa	Suresh Simkhada (Shilapatra.com, Publisher)	Out of contact	He was on a family trip to Kailash Mansarovar with his mother and sister.	Suresh Simkhada, his mother and sister (3)	Wife, Sangeeta Simkhada 9860051210	Still searching
6	Nuwakot	Bidhya Rajput & Nirajan Paudel	Missing family members	Paudel's mother, father, uncle, aunt and sister have been missing since the flood. Their house, lands and all the property in district have been swept away.	5 members of family	Bidhya Rajput (With no information about their whereabouts, the grieving family performed final rituals in Kathmandu on September 2, 2026.)	Grieving family members
7	Nuwakot	Shiva Devkota (Uttargaya Daily)	Safe	His vehicle was swept away by the flood.	Vehicle lost	Shiva Devkota	Difficulty commuting to reporting locations
8	Nuwakot	Kiran Adhikari	Safe	His house and media archives were completely damaged by the	Residence damaged	Kiran Adhikari	Searching for support to resume media works.

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				flood. He and his family are staying at a relative's home in Kathmandu.			
9	Rasuwa	Logshari Kunwar	Missing family members	Her parents had travelled to Kailash Mansarovar and have been missing since the flood.	Father-in-law and mother-in-law (2)	Logshari Kunwar	
10	Rasuwa	Anu Acharya (Pardafas.com)	Missing family member	Her brother's son is missing from Ghattekhol, Rasuwagadhi since the flood.	Brother's son (1)	Anu Acharya	Unknown
11	Nuwakot	Sunny Shrestha (Lokpath online)	Safe	His residence was damaged by the flood. Reporting equipment were lost in the flood	Residence damaged	Sunny Shrestha	Searching for financial and equipment support.
12	Nuwakot	Laxman Dangol (Revoscience.com)	Safe	His house and land are flooded.	Properties damaged	Laxman Dangol	

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13.	Nuwakot	Ram Chandra Aryal (Himalaya Television)	Safe	His residence is safe but land was swept away, father is under psychological trauma and ongoing treatment in the Teaching Hospital, Kathmandu.	Father under treatment, land swept away	Ram Chandra Aryal	
14	Rasuwa	Maya Shrestha (Ratopati.com)	Safe	Her husband is missing since the flood. He had gone to Rasuwa for business purpose.	Husband Nikesh Shrestha	Maya Shrestha	
15	Rasuwa	Balaram Ghimire (FNJ representative)	Safe	His lands and properties are completely damaged.		Balaram Ghimire	
Media Houses Damaged / Operations Disrupted							
S.N.	District	Media House	Operation Status	Details	Contacted persons		
14	Nuwakot	Nuwakot FM	Fully Damaged / Not in operation	Fiber-optic cables and other equipment were damaged. The estimated loss is NPR 300,000–400,000.	Manager Sri Ram Adhikari	Resumed operation after essential repair	

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15	Rasuwa	Radio Langtang	Partially operational	Operations have been completely suspended due to a power outage and lack of backup power.	Manager Geeta Neupane	Resumed operation
16	Rasuwa	Rasuwa FM	Partially operational	Telephone hybrid damaged and lack of backup power. Damage estimated NPR 200000.	Chairperson Deepak Lama	Resumed operation
17	Nuwakot	Radio Chimteshwar	Partially operational	Operation started from August 28 with the help of solar energy support	Manger Ram Hari Neupane	Resumed operation
18	Nuwakot	Radio Jalapa	Partially operational	Due to lack of backup power, electricity and internet disruption	Manager Jagdish Khanal	Resumed operation
19	Nuwakot	Sundaradevi Sandesh Weekly	Not in operation	The office was completely flooded, resulting in the loss of data and archives. The estimated loss is NPR 500,000–700,000.	Editor Kiran Adhikari	
20	Nuwakot	Radio Trishuli	Partially operational	Lack of backup power, and electricity disruption	Manager Sharmila Upreti	

Note:-

Gorkha district : Freedom Forum contacted Former FNJ President Kishor Jung Thapa. He said direct effect upon journalists and media has not been recorded following the flood on August 26.

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Tanahun district : FF contacted FNJ Tanahun President Dhanapati Adhikari. He said direct effect upon journalists and media has not been recorded following the flood on August 26.

**It is estimated that more than 75 media persons' houses, lands, business may have been lost or damaged. More than 150 journalists residing in the affected areas have been traumatized from the flood and its devastating aftermath.*

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