

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
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	Photojournalist Dipendra Dhungana
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
3	Nuwakot	Rajkumar Nepali (National Dalit Journalists Association)	Out of contact	He has been missing from Betrawati Market following the flood.	1 journalist	Radio Chinteshwor manager Ram Hari Neupane
4	Dhading	Bipin Malla (Radio Rajmarga)	Safe	His house was hit by the flood and filled with debris. He and his family are staying at a relative's home.	Residence damaged	FNJ Bagmati Province Coordinator Kaji Shrestha
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)	Binay Khakural (Shilapatra), Kalika Mahat
6	Nuwakot	Bidhya Rajput & Nirajan Paudel	Missing family members	Paudel's mother, father, uncle, aunt and sister have been missing since the flood.	5 members of family	Bidhya Rajput (With no information about their whereabouts, the grieving family performed final rituals in Kathmandu on September 2, 2026.)



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7	Nuwakot	Shiva Devkota (FNJ Bagmati Province Committee)	Safe	His vehicle was swept away by the flood.	Vehicle lost	Shiva Devkota
8	Nuwakot	Kiran Adhikari	Safe	His house was completely damaged by the flood. He and his family are staying at a relative's home in Kathmandu.	Residence damaged	Kiran Adhikari
9	Rasuwa	Logshari Kunwar	Missing family members	Her parents had travelled to Kailash Mansarovar and have been missing since the flood.	Father and mother (2)	Logshari Kunwar
10	Rasuwa	Anu Acharya (Pardafas.com)	Missing family member	Her brother is missing from Ghattekhola, Rasuwagadhi since the flood	Brother (1)	Anu Acharya
11	Nuwakot	Sunny Shrestha (Lokpath online)	Safe	His residence was damaged by the flood.	Residence damaged	Sunny Shrestha



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Media Houses Damaged / Operations Disrupted						
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12	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 Krishna Adhikari
13	Rasuwa	Radio Langtang	Partially operational	Operations have been completely suspended due to a power outage and lack of backup power.		Manager Geeta Neupane
14	Rasuwa	Rasuwa FM	Partially operational	Telephone hybrid damaged and lack of backup power. Damage estimated NPR 200000.		Chairperson Deepak Lama
15	Nuwakot	Radio Chinteshwor	Partially operational	Operation started from August 28 with the help of solar energy support		Manager Ram Hari Neupane
16	Nuwakot	Radio Jalapa	Partially operational	Due to lack of backup power, electricity and internet disruption		Manager Jagdish Khanal

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17	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
18	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.

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.*