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Ongoing Nepal Situation Likely to Impact Tourism and Hospitality

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| Key Findings

- Nationwide anti-corruption demonstrations in Nepal that began over a ban on social media platforms caused the Nepali government to collapse, likely plunging the country into political instability for the near to medium term.
- The current situation is very likely to disrupt transport and logistics due to travel restrictions and roadblocks, thereby temporarily hampering trade and the operations of both local and international businesses.
- Isolated incidents of demonstrations and violence are very likely to persist, posing ongoing risks to business operations and employee safety as well as potential property damage. The tourism and hospitality sector is likely to be the most affected over the coming few months.
- Local and international transportation via both land and air are very likely to be suspended on short notice in the event of widespread violence. However, long-term travel disruptions are unlikely.

Details

Nepali Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli's resignation due to anti-corruption civil unrest has plunged the Himalayan state's government into a crisis that will very likely lead to political instability in the near to medium term.¹ The unrest began as a youth-led demonstration (commonly being called the "Gen Z protest") against a ban on social media platforms, including Meta's Facebook, and swiftly turned into broader anti-corruption and anti-government agitation.

- The Nepali army has taken over the streets of the capital, Kathmandu, to restore law and order. Government buildings (including that of the Parliament), politicians' homes, and other businesses have been torched or vandalized.² Curfew in Kathmandu and other areas was imposed on September 8, 2025, and has continued during specific hours as of September 12.

 **Nepali Army** @NepaliArmyHQ · 14h

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Updated information regarding prohibitory orders and curfew in Kathmandu, Lalitpur, and Bhaktapur districts

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२. निषेधाज्ञा तथा कर्फ्यूको दौरान समेत आवश्यक सेवाका (एम्बुलेन्स, शव
वाहन, दवाकल, स्वास्थ्यकर्मी, सुरक्षाकर्मी र सार्वजनिक कार्य, खाद्यान्न, इन्धन,
दुध, तरकारी, फल र औषधी ओसारपसार गर्ने) सवारी साधनहरू सञ्चालन गर्न
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३. निषिद्ध सवारी कागजले, पैदल तथा विलीय संस्था लगायत सार्वजनिक
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आफ्नो उडानको टिकट देखाई विमानस्थलसम्म आउनसक्न गर्न सक्नु हुनेछ।
आवश्यक सहजताको लागि निम्नलिखित रेटका सुरक्षाकर्मीहरूसँग सम्पर्क गर्नुहुन
सम्भव सबैमा अनुरोध गरिन्छ।

४. काठमाडौं उपत्यका बाहिरको हरेक सम्बन्धित जिल्लाको सुरक्षा परिस्थिति
अनुसार जिल्ला सुरक्षा समितिहरूबाट निर्गत तथा समयसमय परीपत्रहरूले हुनेछ।
जम्मेबारी परिस्थिति पनि आम नेपालीहरूको सुरक्षा र मानवीय उद्धारमा प्रत्यक्ष र
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गरिन्छ।

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Curfew Updates for Nepali Districts

Source: [hXXps://x.com/indian_kd/status/1965806483159093604](https://x.com/indian_kd/status/1965806483159093604)

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[hXXps://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/young-anti-corruption-protesters-oust-nepal-pm-oli-2025-09-09/](https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/young-anti-corruption-protesters-oust-nepal-pm-oli-2025-09-09/)

² [hXXps://edition.cnn.com/2025/09/10/asia/nepal-protests-gen-z-outcome-intl-hnk](https://edition.cnn.com/2025/09/10/asia/nepal-protests-gen-z-outcome-intl-hnk)

- At least 30 people have reportedly been killed in the unrest. Some politicians have also been physically assaulted.³

| Analyst Commentary

Impact on the Business Sector

Unrest surrounding Nepal's political situation is very likely to disrupt transport and logistics due to curfews and roadblocks, thereby temporarily hampering both the flow of trade and operations of local and international businesses in the near to medium term. Even if large-scale demonstrations are controlled, isolated incidents are very likely to continue posing threats of physical or other functional disruption to businesses, their employees, and their properties. The tourism and hospitality sector is likely to be the most affected over the coming few months.

- Trucks abandoned at the India-Nepal border due to the ongoing curfew have impacted the flow of trade and logistics in the area.⁴
- While the September–December period is typically a popular time for tourists to visit Nepal, multiple countries—including India,⁵ Canada,⁶ and the United Kingdom⁷—have advised against traveling to Nepal except in cases where it is essential.
- Indian and other international tourists have reported being stranded at airports and other destinations in Nepal amid dangerous situations.
- International label consumer-goods companies with operations in Nepal are reportedly monitoring the evolving situation, with concerns for the safety of their business teams.⁸

³ [hXXps://ddnews\[.\]gov\[.\]in/en/death-toll-in-nepals-gen-z-protests-rises-to-30-over-1000-injured/](https://ddnews.gov.in/en/death-toll-in-nepals-gen-z-protests-rises-to-30-over-1000-injured/)

⁴ [hXXps://x\[.\]com/PTI_News/status/1966046667867873403](https://x[.]com/PTI_News/status/1966046667867873403)

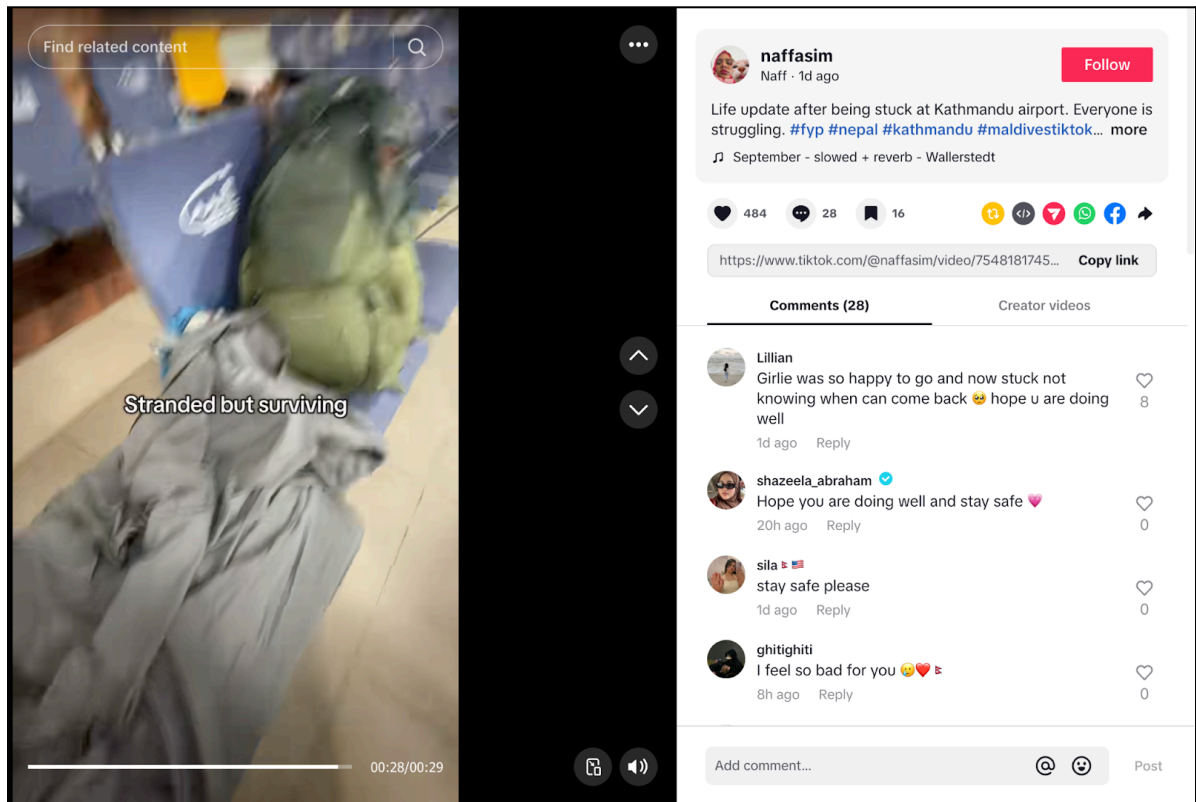
⁵ [hXXps://www.mea\[.\]gov\[.\]in/press-releases.htm?dtl/40114](https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/40114)

⁶ [hXXps://travel.gc\[.\]ca/destinations/nepal](https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/nepal)

⁷ [hXXps://www.gov\[.\]uk/foreign-travel-advice/nepal](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/nepal)

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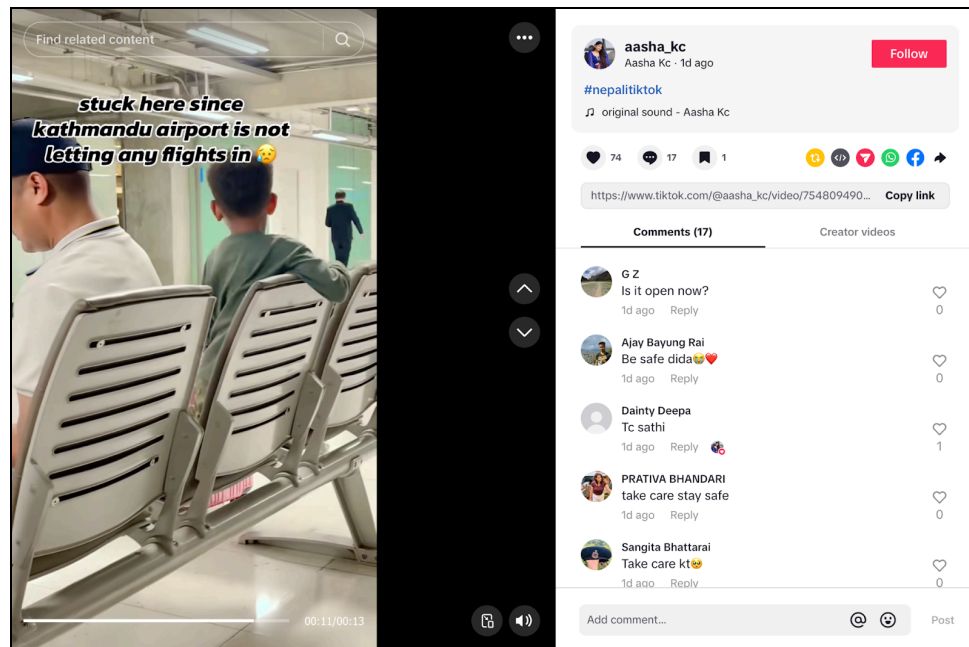
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TikTok User Shares About Being Stranded at Kathmandu Airport

Source:

<https://www.tiktok.com/@naffasim/video/7548181745993043216?lang=en&q=NEPAL%20stuck&t=1757581926511>



Another TikTok User Shares About Being Stranded at Kathmandu Airport

Source:

https://www.tiktok.com/@aasha_kc/video/7548094901641284872?lang=en&q=NEPAL%20stuck&t=1757581926511

Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) has resumed operations after a temporary closure, facilitating domestic and international flights.⁹ Indian, Middle Eastern, and other Asian airlines suspended flight services to Nepal due to the unrest but are likely to resume operations in the coming few days.

- Long-term travel disruptions are unlikely going forward. However, local and international transportation, both via land and air, are very likely to be suspended on short notice in the event of widespread violence.
- Search and rescue operations on challenging trekking routes and other adventure-activity regions are likely to be more expensive or unavailable due to these disruptions to transportation services and eruptions of violence.

⁹ https://x.com/PTI_News/status/1966027193328488554

Nepal's hospitality sector has also been impacted, with a multistory luxury hotel set ablaze.¹⁰ While the sector is likely to benefit in the near term from the curfew and other efforts the Nepali army is taking to restore order, continued disruptions related to the political environment in the coming months are likely to pose threats to the physical safety of hospitality sector staff and customers. Bookings in the tourism and hospitality sector are very likely to decline, with mass cancellations also likely.

- The Hotel Association Nepal (HAN), along with the Nepal Tourism Board, are coordinating with local authorities to provide emergency accommodations and other services for stranded travelers. Stranded travelers can contact the hotline number, +977-9851031495, for assistance.

For foreign embassies operating in Nepal, routine operations are very likely to be disrupted in the event of curfews and violence.¹¹ Ongoing disruptions to embassy services are likely in the coming weeks.

Outlook

Nepal is likely to experience political uncertainty over the next few months. While reelections are unlikely, a new interim government—which is yet to be formed as of September 12—is still expected to face challenges related to anti-incumbency sentiment among the public.

- The chance of violence breaking out near government buildings is likely to persist, hampering public services and government-sponsored tourism services. Tourists are advised to avoid areas near government buildings.
- While the ban on social media platforms has been lifted, there are likely to be disruptions to communications and internet outages in the short term. Tourists and other foreign travelers are likely to be impacted due to disruptions in internet connectivity.

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[hXXps://www.hindustantimes\[.\]com/world-news/hilton-hotel-charred-minister-chased-into-river-shocking-videos-show-extent-of-nepal-chaos-101757504127411.html](https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/hilton-hotel-charred-minister-chased-into-river-shocking-videos-show-extent-of-nepal-chaos-101757504127411.html)

¹¹ [hXXps://np.usembassy\[.\]gov/demonstration-alert-u-s-embassy-kathmandu-nepal-september-9th-2025/](https://np.usembassy[.]gov/demonstration-alert-u-s-embassy-kathmandu-nepal-september-9th-2025/)

| Appendix A: Traffic Light Protocol for Information Dissemination

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Almost No Chance	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Roughly Even Chance	Likely	Very Likely	Almost Certain
1-5%	5-20%	20-45%	45-55%	55-80%	80-95%	95-99%