Death Toll Rises to 691 in Devastating Floods in Nepal and Tibet

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A humanitarian crisis has unfolded in Nepal and China's Tibet region following devastating floods in the Himalayan region. At least 691 people have died in the disaster so far, while more than 2,400 people remain missing. Nepal's Tourism Board said the list of missing people also includes 320 foreign nationals.

Several roads and bridges have been damaged by the powerful floodwaters, leaving many remote mountainous areas largely cut off from the rest of the country. Army personnel, police and other rescue teams are conducting operations in different areas to locate those still missing.

The situation is also serious in Tibet. According to China's state media, 16 people have died in the floods, while 554 people remain unaccounted for.

Concerns of an even greater disaster initially emerged after floodwaters created a new lake in a border area.

There were fears that if the lake exceeded its capacity, surrounding areas could face another round of flooding. However, Chinese officials said the water level in the lake is now gradually declining.

Rescue teams are prioritizing efforts to locate people stranded in remote areas that have been cut off. Operations are also underway to find several people who were working at a hydropower project. The mountainous terrain, mud and accumulated debris have made rescue operations even more challenging.