

Nepal Earthquake

25 April 2015

- Magnitude 7.8
- 07:11 BST
- 11:56 Local



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History

- This was the largest EQ to affect Nepal for 80 years.
- Minor EQ's are a weekly occurrence in Nepal.
- It has been expected for some time.
- Kathmandu is considered as one of the so called Black Sites.
- Other Black Sites are Mexico City, Jakarta, Tehran, Istanbul.

Deployment Timeline (BST)

25th April 2015

- 07:16hrs GDACS Red Alert Received.
- 08:00hrs USAR management discussion. Decision made to monitor Virtual OSOCC and emails from DFID and UK-ISAR National Coordinator.
- News reports monitored locally to keep up to date with situation.
- 13:00hrs Decision made to open MIR.

- AM Avery, GM Leonard, SM Martin & D Knight establish MIR and plan actions.
- Deployment to Nepal is now Highly Likely
- HFRS to provide Operational Team of 5, B.o.O. team of 4 and a Functional Officer.
- USAR Team page sent for team availability at 14:30.
- Deployment team viable.
- National cover robust.
- 6 USAR team members report to HQ to finalise kit ready for deployment



26th April 2015

- M5 received – Team mobilising to Stansted airport,
- Equipment by 14:00hrs
- Team by 17:00hrs
- Flight departure time 21:15hrs
- UKISAR team departed from Stansted airport at 21:20



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UKISAR Team 67 personnel

- 35 x Ops team (7 teams of 5) Hampshire, Essex, London, Leicestershire, Cheshire, South Wales, Scotland.
- 4 x Dog handlers and dogs, Cheshire, Essex, Leicestershire, Scotland.
- 4 x Base of operations, Hampshire
- 6 x Logistics, West Sussex
- 6 x Command Support, West Midlands
- 1 x Team Leader, West Midlands

UKISAR Team, cont

- 2 x Op's Commanders, South Wales, Leicestershire
- 1 x Hazmat and Security
- 1 x CFOA Link Officer, Lincolnshire,
- 6 x Medical Staff
- 1 x Vet
- 1 x DFID
- Press
- 13.8 tonnes of kit & equipment

27th April 2015

- Flight unable to land at Kathmandu due to the airport being full
- Flight diverted to Delhi, team unable to leave aircraft for a number of hours until visa's are arranged. Team on plane for 18hrs.
- Team spend night in Delhi hotel
- Advanced party of UKISAR lead & 6 crew fly into Kathmandu to conduct assessment

28th April 2015

- 17:00hrs Local time. After a few false starts 23 members of team including 5 from Hampshire fly in to Kathmandu and set up base camp at the British Gurkha HQ
- Temporary shelter for displaced UK citizens.



29th April 2015

UKISAR assigned a sector within the greater Kathmandu area to carry out search & Rescue and building assessments.

Working with NGO's and other USAR teams including SARAid from the UK



Remainder of UKISAR team and Equipment arrive in Kathmandu



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Team relocates to the British Embassy



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29th & 30th April 2015

- Members of medical and Op's team tasked to work with UK Med and Save the Children
- Continued search and assessments of various sites in Kathmandu



Missing UK woman



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1st May 2015

Teams prepare to deploy to Chautara



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3rd May 2015



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5th May 2015

- 6 members of the UK team including 4 from Hampshire return from Kathmandu

6th May 2015

- The majority of the UK team arrive on 2 separate flights



9th May 2015

- Keith Bellamy, The last member of the Hampshire team returns from Kathmandu,
- Keith and one other had stayed on to oversee the donation of equipment towards the on-going aid mission and to oversee the safe return of the remaining equipment to the UK

11th May 2015

- Press call for all of the Hampshire team



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12th May 2015

- 2nd Major earthquake measuring 7.4 hit Nepal
- Team put on standby
- Plans in place to source all necessary equipment and supplies

Preparing for future deployments

- Service and repack all used equipment
- Source and replace all equipment left in Nepal
- Evaluate future kit needs within budget restraints
- Replenish ration packs

