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01



Conducted an aerial
review of the floods
in Punjab. Authorities
are working round the
clock, assisting those im-
pacted. Our thoughts are
with the people in this
challenging time.

@narendramodi

02



As violence against
children in armed
conflict continues to rise
to unprecedented levels,
education is once again
caught in the crossfire.
No child should risk
death to learn. Let's pro-
tect the fundamental
right of every child to
learn in safety & peace.

@antonioGuterres

03



This week, WHO Pa-
kistan is dispatching
medical supplies to the
areas most affected by the
ongoing climate-driven
floods, enough to provide
treatment for over 20,000
people. Since June, WHO
has sent medical supplies
nationwide for 400,000
flood-affected and dis-
placed persons.

@DrTedros

04



Cyber scam centers in
Southeast Asia stole
over \$10 billion from
Americans last year. In
response, today @US-
Treasury sanctioned in-
dividuals and entities linked
to cyber scam centers in
Burma and forced labor
operations in Cambodia.
Our actions will disrupt
their cruel victimization
of Americans online.

@SecRubio

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by columnists are personal and
need not necessarily reflect our
editorial stance)



A demonstrator shouts slogans during a protest
outside the Parliament in Kathmandu



A protester wields a firearm



A protester carries a firearm



An aerial view shows demonstrators gathered outside Nepal's Parliament during a protest in Kathmandu

Nepal PM resigns after protests sparked by social media ban

Protestors demand government lift social media ban and tackle corruption

● Protests continue
despite apps going
back online

● Kathmandu's airport
remains open, but some
flights were cancelled

● Several social
media sites -- including
Facebook, YouTube
and X -- were
blocked on Friday

AFP | Kathmandu, Nepal

Nepali youth protesters
set fire to parliament
yesterday as the veteran
prime minister obeyed furious
crowds to quit, a day after one
of the deadliest crackdowns in
years in which at least 19 people
were killed.

The protests, which began on
Monday with demands that the
government lift a ban on social
media and tackle corruption,
reignited despite the apps going
back online.

Demonstrators yesterday at-
tacked and set fire to KP Shar-
ma Oli's house, the 73-year-old,
four-time prime minister and
leader of the Communist Party.

Shortly after, chanting pro-
testers -- some wielding assault
rifles, according to an AFP re-



Nepal's Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli

porter at the site -- gathered out-
side main government buildings.

Plumes of smoke also covered
Nepal's parliament as demon-
strators set the building ablaze.

"Hundreds have breached the
parliament area and torched the
main building," Ekram
Giri, spokesman for the Parlia-
ment Secretariat, told AFP.

Protesters, mostly young men,
were seen waving the country's
national flag as they dodged
water cannons deployed by the
security forces.

Other demonstrators targeted
the properties of politicians and
government buildings.

Kathmandu's airport remains
open, but some flights were can-
celled after smoke from fires af-
fected visibility, airport spokes-
man Rinji Sherpa said.

"I have resigned from the post

of prime minister with effect
from today... in order to take
further steps towards a political
solution and resolution of the
problems," Oli said Tuesday in
a statement.

His political career stretched
nearly six decades, a period
that saw a decade-long civil
war, with Nepal abolishing its
absolute monarchy in 2008 to
become a republic.

First elected as prime min-
ister in 2015, he was re-elec-
ted in 2018, reappointed briefly
in 2021, and then took power
in 2024 after his Communist
Party forged a coalition govern-
ment with the centre-left Nepali
Congress in the often-volatile
parliament.

His resignation followed that
of three other ministers, and
came despite the government

repealing the ban.

Bringing social media back
online "was among the Gen Z's
demands", Minister for Com-
munication Prithvi Subba Gu-
rung told AFP, referring to young
people aged largely in their 20s.

The ban fed into existing an-
ger at the government in a coun-
try with a youth bulge.

People aged 15-40 make up
nearly 43 percent of the popu-
lation, according to government
statistics -- while unemploy-
ment hovers around 10 percent
and GDP per capita is just \$1,447,
according to the World Bank.

Live ammunition

Slogans demanding account-
ability from the authorities have
been a feature at the protests.

"Nearly 20 people were mur-
dered by the state -- that shows
the scale of police brutality,"
said 23-year-old student Yujan
Rajbhandari.

Several social media sites --
including Facebook, YouTube
and X -- were blocked on Friday
in the Himalayan nation of 30
million people, after the govern-
ment cut access to 26 unregis-
tered platforms.

Amnesty International said
live ammunition had been used
against protesters on Monday,
and the United Nations demand-
ed a swift and transparent probe.

Since Friday, videos contrast-
ing the struggles of ordinary Ne-
palis with the children of politi-
cians flaunting luxury goods and

expensive vacations have gone
viral on TikTok, which was not
blocked.

Popular platforms such as In-
stagram have millions of users
in Nepal who rely on them for
entertainment, news and busi-
ness. Others rely on the apps for
messaging.

"This isn't just about social
media -- it's about trust, cor-
ruption, and a generation that
refuses to stay silent," The Kath-
mandu Post newspaper wrote.

"Gen Z grew up with smart-
phones, global trends, and
promises of a federal, prosper-
ous Nepal," it added.

"For them, digital freedom is
personal freedom. Cutting off
access feels like silencing an en-
tire generation."



Nepal has restricted access
to popular online platforms
in the past, including to
Telegram in July, citing a
rise in online fraud. It lifted
a nine-month ban on TikTok
last year after the platform
agreed to comply with Ne-
pali regulations.