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## Timor-Leste offers condolences and assistance to Nepal

The Government of Timor-Leste offers it condolences to the Government and people of Nepal after the massive devastation and loss of life following the earthquake on Saturday. It is estimated that about 8 million people out of Nepal's population of over 26.5 million will be affected by the earthquake with in excess of 5,000 confirmed to have lost their lives and more than 10,000 people injured.

A natural disaster of this scale would be overwhelming for any country and the process of recovery and rebuilding will take many years. The Council of Ministers of Timor-Leste yesterday resolved to contribute \$500,000 to support the victims of the earthquake and "expressed their regret at the situation experienced by the people of Nepal." The Government of Timor-Leste commends all those involved in rescue activities and medical care and conveys its support to the Government of Nepal.

Spokesperson for the Government of Timor-Leste, Minister of State Agio Pereira noted "Our hearts go out to Nepal at this difficult time. The people of Timor-Leste stand in deep solidarity with the Nepalese people." **ENDS** 



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