

### TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FARM ANIMAL SLAUGHTER FESTIVAL

The Gadhimai festival, in which up to a <u>quarter of a million</u> animals will be inhumanely slaughtered, is set to take place this November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Nepal. The festival takes place every five years and receives funding from the Nepalese Government.

We need you to take action to help stop this mass inhumane slaughter.

In this pack you will find five activities you can undertake to support our campaign:

#### 1. The Petition

In this pack is a blank petition sheet, please ask your friends and family to sign, then send it back to us by September 30<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

### 2. Visa Application

A blank Nepal Visa application form is enclosed and an example of how you could fill it out. Feel free to also add your own comments at the bottom. We need you to let the Nepalese Embassy know you will not be visiting Nepal until this festival is stopped. (If you are not a resident of the UK, you may wish to download a visa application from the Nepalese Embassy in your country)

3. <u>Letter to the President, Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism in Nepal</u> Three letters are enclosed which you can sign and send. If you are able to personalize your letter, or hand-write your letter this will help to make sure more attention is paid to it when it arrives with it's recipient.

### 4. Tell your friends and families

Not many people know about this festival and that's part of the reason it has gone on relatively unchallenged for so long. We must spread the word, so please let your friends and family know and encourage them to take action too.

### 5. Additional campaign letters

You may also like to write to some additional contacts to campaign on this issue. If you do, you will find some additional names and contact addresses enclosed within this pack.





We, the undersigned, call for an end to the mass, inhumane slaughter that takes place at the Gadhimai sacrificial festival and urge the Government of Nepal to stop funding Gadhimai and all inhumane slaughter festivals.

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	SIGNATURE	EMAIL	COUNTRY

This is a Compassion in World Farming petition carried out with the support of Animal Welfare Network Nepal. Your support is vital to the work we do and we thank you for it. We also respect your privacy and would like to assure you that Compassion in World Farming fully complies with the Data Protection Act (1998). It is not our policy to pass on your details to other organisations for their use and it is not our intention to, in the future. We may use your details to contact you about the work of Compassion in World Farming.

## VISA APPLICATION FORM FOR NEPAL

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The President Dr. Yadav Office of the President Kantipath Kathmandu NEPAL

mail@presidentofnepal.gov.np

Dear Dr Yaday

### Gadhimai slaughter festival, Bara Province

I am writing to you to ask that you urgently use your influence to help bring an end to the inhumane, large-scale killing of animals during the Gadhimai Festival which will take place in the Bara Province of Nepal this November.

The methods of slaughter and transport used are completely in breach of the recommendations on animal welfare adopted by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), of which Nepal is a member. Reports from the last festival indicate that animals are corralled in their thousands into a giant pen where they are slaughtered in front of each other. They have the tendons on their legs cut to bring them to the ground and are then beheaded with kukri knives. It is reported that for many animals it takes multiple attempts to remove the head completely.

A sacrificial slaughter festival of this scale is unlike any other in the world, and is something that would cause outrage amongst the public in many countries were they to be made aware of it. As I am sure you are aware, sacrificial slaughter is illegal in much of the world including in the Indian states neighbouring Nepal. Greater international knowledge about this festival could very negatively impact the view that people around the world hold about Nepal as a country. Wide spread knowledge of this festival would no doubt impact the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation's Tourism Vision 2020 which states that while "rich cultural heritage" is a strength of Nepal, a recognized risk is "unfavourable travel advisories".

It is my understanding that the last festival was funded, at least in part, by the government of Nepal and that there are intentions for the government to subsidize this event again this year. I would like to urge you to ensure that this funding is withdrawn in full and that this festival is not supported, financially or otherwise, by yourself or the government of Nepal.

Yours sincerely,

The Prime Minister
Mr. Sushil Koirala
Office of the Prime Minister and
Council of Ministers
Singh Durbar
Kathmandu, Nepal

info@opmcm.gov.np

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Mr Bhim Acharya Minister for Tourism Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Singha Durbar Kathmandu NEPAL

info@tourism.gov.np

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I would encourage you as Minister for Tourism to also urge your colleagues in the Prime Minister's Office and throughout the government to publically withdraw funding from this festival in order to protect the tourist industry from the negative reputation this festival will bring.

Yours sincerely,

### Other useful addresses for campaigning against Gadhimai

Nepalese Embassy London Mr. Tej Bahadur Chhetri Chargé d'affaires a.i. 12A Kensington Palace Gardens London W8 4QU info@nepembassy.org.uk

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