

International Protests against Gadhimai Slaughter

The Nepalese Government recognises that unfavourable views of Nepal are one of the big risks to the Nepalese tourism industry. Through protests staged around the world in view of officials representing Nepal's Government abroad we will show the Government that the world is watching their actions. It is our aim to ensure that the Government of Nepal is aware of the pressure, internationally, to stop the slaughter taking place at Gadhimai Festival.

We seek to coordinate a series of protests, meetings, media stunts, sit-ins and other campaign actions outside Nepalese embassies and at the offices of Nepalese Consulates globally on (or around) October 11th 2014. These protests will focus on calling on the Nepalese Government to ensure that no funding is provided to the Gadhimai Festival this year and calling on them to take action to stop the inhumane slaughter that is set to take place at the festival.

So far, plans are underway for events to mark this global protest in London, New York, Berlin and Paris. However, there are many more embassies and consulates around the world where targeted campaigning could help apply the additional pressure required. By signing up as a member of the World Organisation for Animal Health the Nepalese Government has committed to work on improving the welfare of animals at slaughter. They are obliged to take action to stop this totally unregulated mass slaughter.

We are calling for events to take place, no matter how small. Any event from a mass rally or march to a media stunt or a meeting with the Embassy. We want embassies around the world to contact their colleagues in Nepal and inform them of the pressure they are receiving to stop the festival.

To join this global campaign or for more information please contact Pru Elliott at Compassion in World Farming, who is coordinating these events or Manoj Gautam at Animal Welfare Network Nepal who is based in Nepal and coordinating the efforts of campaign groups on the ground.

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