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Nepal moves to limit drone flights following earthquake

Drone operators will need permission from the country's aviation authority following complaints in affected areas



A drone flies over buildings destroyed after last week's earthquake in Bhaktapur, Nepal, 2 May, 2015. Photograph: Olivia Harris/Reuters

The Nepalese government has cracked down on unmanned aerial vehicles following the magnitude 7.8 that hit the country in late April.

Operators who want to fly UAVs in Nepal will now have to ask for, and receive, permission from the country's Civil Aviation Authority (CAAN), according to an official from the organisation.

The Nepalese tourism ministry [says](#) the new regulations have been put in place following complaints from citizens about the use of drones to collect news and pictures.

Previously, use of non-combat drones in the country had been sparsely regulated. [British NGOs have been using drones](#) to assess the extent of damage from the earthquake, as well as to aid search-and-rescue operations in the area.

Similarly, [a number of photographers](#) in Nepal have used drones as part of their reportage from the epicentre of the earthquake, [to highlight the "devastation" in the area](#).

But [according to a statement given to the Indo Asian News Service](#), the Nepalese government is concerned that the footage also contains images of historic artefacts "which could be misused later".

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Drone users hampering rescue efforts

Guthrie, of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, says drones are hampering rescue operations and becoming an "issue".

"Please do not operate your drones in the areas where we have military aircraft, search-and-rescue aircraft working," he says.

"When you go in there with your drone they have to stop working."

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