

State of emergency in Nepal

This exercise gives you practice in the cloze exercises where you have to modify words to complete the text. Complete the gaps using the correct form of the word given in **bold**.

In a surprise move, the king of Nepal declared a state of emergency, and dismissed the government. He also announced restrictions on the 1) _____ of the press and the right of 2) _____ demonstration. Neighbouring countries expressed concern about the risk of increased 3) _____ in the country. The Indian government has been particularly 4) _____ of the move, which it says is a 5) _____ for democracy. Nepal has been a constitutional 6) _____ since 1990, when the previous king introduced 7) _____ to the 8) _____. Critics say the king has 9) _____ the political institutions by his decision.

- 1) **Freedom/s**
- 2) **Peaceful**
- 3) **Instability**
- 4) **Critical**
- 5) **Setback**
- 6) **Monarchy**
- 7) **Democracy**
- 8) **Kingdom**
- 9) **Undermined**

In Katmandu, worried 10) _____ rushed to stock up on fuel and 11) _____. The king accused the government of failing to hold 12) _____ elections and of not managing to deal with the violence of the Maoist 13) _____ that is 14) _____ many areas of the country.

- 10) **Residents**
- 11) **Groceries**
- 12) **Parliamentary**
- 13) **Revolutionaries/revolution**
- 14) **Destabilising/
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