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## Open letter to Dr Ram Baran Yadav, President of the Republic of Nepal

Dear Honorable President,

My letter in 2009 stayed unanswered but I am not giving up hope that we will finally be able to communicate and bring about positive outcomes. Animal rights activists in Nepal and elsewhere are once more campaigning to end the biggest mass sacrifice of animals in the world at Gadhimai Mela, to be held in two weeks in the southern plains of the country.

The world will watch again with horror and despair as the estimated 250,000 goats, male buffalo, pigs, chickens, pigeons, ducks and white mice are cruelly sacrificed within two days.

**I find it hard to believe that the Goddess Gadhimai would rejoice in the sacrifice of innocent creatures and reward such cruel violence with prosperity.**

Such practices, which recall ancient and cruel traditions that we thought would have forever disappeared, live on to present an extremely negative image of your country and its evolution. **It is a dramatic and bloodthirsty example in an already cruel global context. Nepal will receive more credit by preaching its spiritual message of non-harming and compassion instead.**

The fact that business oriented organizers exploit this massive hysteria does not mean that the government has to legitimize it. Why not legitimize then a national festival for drugs or alcohol, as it would also surely attract a substantial mass of "devotees" who would gather from all over the world if the government would allow it.

A letter issued by the Indian home ministry to all the four states bordering Nepal is ensuring that no animals are taken illegally from India to Nepal for the sacrificial ritual. A judgment in the state of Himachal Pradesh is prohibiting ritual slaughter. India is really moving fast in the direction of compassionate action **and I beg you, Honorable President, to wipeout such cruel tradition in your country.** Your name would be remembered through generations for standing up for peace and harmony. I assure you that it will contribute greatly towards a truly long lasting prosperity in your nation.

Yours Sincerely and desperate,

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President

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