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GIGANTIC EARTH QUAKE IN INDONESIA

A terrible earthquake took place in Indonesia on Saturday the 27th May in the morning. It caused a lot of deaths and aid is still on the spot.



There are a lot of injured and missing people after the earthquake.



People were sleeping when at 5.24 the earthquake, measuring 6.3, affected the Java island and in particular Yogyakarta, Bantul and Saamas. So the inhabitants took refuge inland. As a consequence, there were 5,427 deaths, more than 7,000 injured people, 25,000 missing people and now, there are 200,000 homeless people. 35,000 houses were destroyed.

So people need doctors, medicines, blankets, shelters, food, drinking water and psychological help. Fortunately, local doctors, the local Red Cross workers and volunteers are over there. There is also international aid : MDM (French Doctors), UNO (United Nations Organization), UNICEF... Because of the earthquake, Merapi volcano threatened to erupt.

Indonesia is in a zone known as the Pacific "ring of fire" which is prone to earthquake and volcanic activity. For example :

On 26th December 2004, the Tsunami caused 230,000 deaths and it did significant material damage.

In August 1883, the volcano of Indonesia caused 36,000 deaths.



a map of Indonesia .