

Earthquake kills 10,000

NEW DELHI, India — A major earthquake shattered the dawn quiet Thursday, collapsing mud and mortar homes onto sleeping families in villages across southern India. More than 10,000 died and many more cried for help from the wreckage.

Authorities feared the death toll would rise substantially in India's worst quake in a half century.

Many villages were leveled so quickly as the earth shook violently and opened crevices that people were crushed inside their homes while sleeping, news agencies reported.

"The rising sun created darkness for us this morning, swallowed up our villages, and made our houses into tombs," a survivor told a reporter.

Some survived when frantic rescuers heard them shouting for help beneath toppled walls and roofs or saw a hand reaching out from the wreckage, Press Trust of India reported.

Friends, neighbors and police strained to lift stone, brick and wood by hand to free victims.

The quake ripped through southwest India at 3:56 a.m. It was felt at least 400 miles from the epicenter and caused a wide swath of damage.

State-run Doordarshan TV raised the toll to more than 10,000 and said more than 12,000 people could still be trapped. The United News of India news agency later put the death toll at 12,000.

About 10,000 people were injured, said Raghunathan.

Officials said they expected the death toll to rise sharply. Telephone, electricity and water lines were cut, and no reports were available from Latur, a city with a half-million people, 20 miles north of the epicenter.

The largest death toll — 3,050 — was reported from Umarga, 270 miles southeast of Bombay. Sixty percent of the town's buildings were destroyed, Raghunathan said.

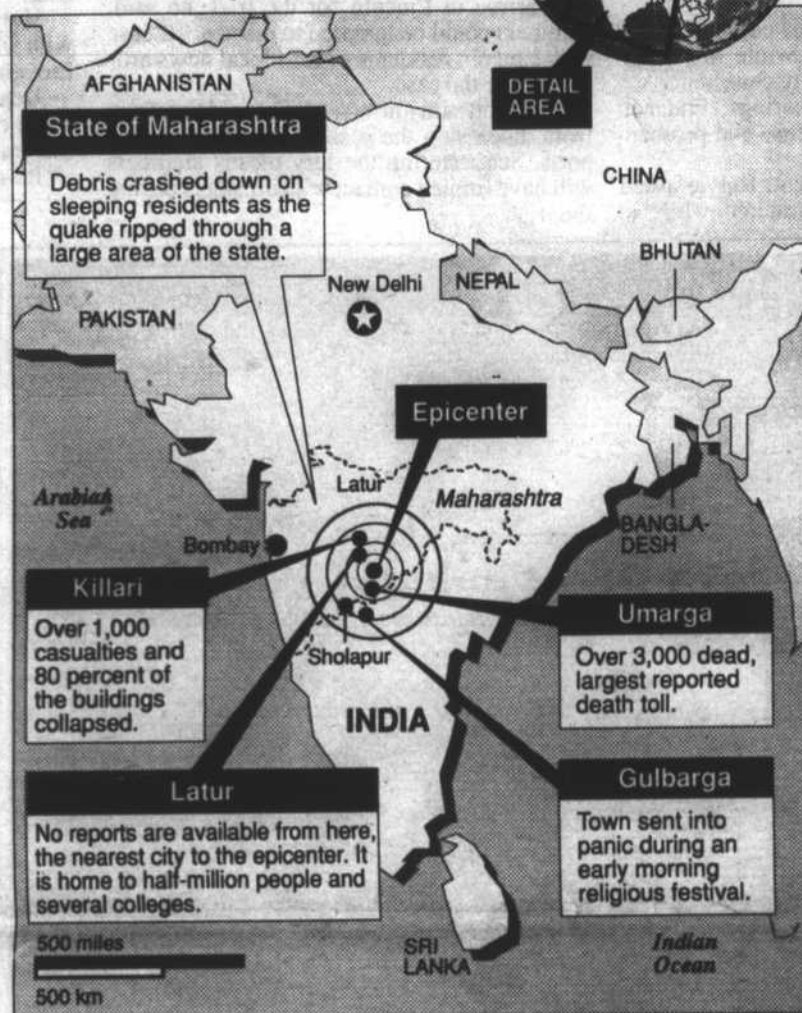
About 80 percent of the village of Killari, which has 10,000 people, was flattened, said senior police officer S.P. Wathore in Bombay, the capital of Maharashtra. About 3,000 people died in Killari, Raghunathan said.

Huge cracks opened in the ground, swallowing homes, witnesses said.

Umarga is 18 miles south of the epicenter, which is near Maharashtra's southeastern border with Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh states. Killari is 50 miles north of the epicenter.

Powerful quake devastates southwestern India

A powerful earthquake toppled houses and devastated villages in southern India before dawn Thursday, burying hundreds of people under their collapsed homes. The quake, which registered 6.4 on the Richter scale, occurred at 3:56 a.m. about 250 miles southeast of Bombay, India's largest city and its financial capital.



In Karnataka state, south of Maharashtra, 13 people were killed in several villages, Press Trust of India reported.

Soldiers and policemen rushed to the remote area of southwestern India, bringing stretchers, tents, medical supplies, earth movers, bulldozers and mobile hospitals.

Relief workers had trouble reaching some villages that recently lost their roads and bridges to heavy monsoon rains.

In shattered villages, crowds of people roamed through the debris, praying for lost relatives.

The quake also awakened people in Bombay, Bangalore and Madras, up to 400 miles from the epicenter. No deaths were reported in the three major cities. Across southern India, people fled their shaking homes in panic.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies on Thursday sent \$66,000 in emergency funds to help. The Geneva-based federation groups national Red Cross and Muslim Red Crescent societies worldwide.

The stricken region stands over a geological formation called the Deccan Plateau.

Chinese man hijacks airliner to Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A Chinese man armed with a knife hijacked a domestic airliner with 69 people on board to Taiwan Thursday, officials said. The man was detained along with his wife and son, and no one was hurt.

The Sichuan Airlines plane with 58 passengers and 11 crew landed safely at Taipei International Airport at 3:30 p.m. said Ma Chen-fang, vice minister for communications and transport.

The hijacker, a 29-year-old truck driver from northeast China, said he would detonate bottles of dynamite strapped to his waist unless the pilot flew the plane to Taiwan, airport police chief Wang Rong-chung said.

The bottles were later found to contain vegetable seeds, Wang said.

Ma told reporters Taiwan would send the plane back to China and hand the man over to the court for investigation and criminal charges. He did not say what would happen to the man's 29-year-old

wife and 8-year-old son.

China's official Xinhua News Agency said the Russia-made TU-154 was hijacked at 2:43 p.m. on a domestic flight from Jinan in northeast China's Shandong province to Canton, capital of Guangdong province in south China.

Xinhua cited the Civil Aviation Administration of China as saying the crew, passengers and aircraft were safe.

Taiwan's official Broadcasting Corporation of China quoted an unidentified official as saying Taiwanese military jets intercepted the airliner over the Taiwan Straits, which divides China and Taiwan, and guided it to a safe landing.

Ma told reporters that Taiwan will send the plane back to China and hand the hijackers over to the court for investigation and criminal charges.

It was the fourth Chinese commercial plane hijacked to Taiwan since April.

STATE WIRE

Motives sought in York drive-by shooting

YORK — Police are looking for a motive in a drive-by shooting that damaged the home of District Judge Curtis Evans.

Evans and his wife, Mary, were in another part of the house and were not injured in the Monday night shooting that broke out the living room window.

York Police Chief Donald Klug said shots were fired about 8:30 p.m. into the living room, open garage and an outside fence.

"It could have been disastrous had they been in the living room," Klug said.

"It appeared that a vehicle drove by the house. Witnesses thought they

heard five shots. We've been able to verify three," Klug said. "It appears to be a rifle or a handgun-type weapon."

He said it's likely that Evans' job had something to do with the shooting.

"The judge is in a position where they have to make decisions that upset people," Klug said. Police are talking to the judge to determine if anyone had an "ax to grind," he said.

Seward County Judge Alan Gless said Thursday such retaliation often passes through a judge's mind.

"Those risks are associated with the job," Gless said. "You think about it all the time."



SPORTS WIRE

ACC coaches will try to prevent brawls

RALEIGH, N.C. — Atlantic Coast Conference football coaches are warning their players they won't tolerate a repeat of the fights that broke out in three games involving conference teams.

Duke coach Barry Wilson, whose team was involved in a fight at Virginia last Saturday, was the most emphatic of the league's coaches insist-

ing they would suspend players in the future for fighting or leaving the bench area to join brawls.

Wilson said if an opposing player was getting pushed on the Duke sideline he would "attack our players and defend him. No one is going to get beat up on the sidelines. But when you get 100 kids over there it can get dangerous."

Olmos

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but he said history gave him a feeling of oneness with others.

"When you look at me, you see an African, an Asian, an indigenous person ... and in the 1500s, white men came from Spain," he said. "It's all mixed into this little brown guy you see on stage."

"A lack of education puts a hole in the soul. Not the soul that goes to Heaven, but the soul that makes you what you are."

Olmos said religion was one place where people had to be educated about other colors. One problem was the belief that Jesus was Caucasian, he said.

"It was Jerusalem, 2000 years ago," he said. "Swedes were not happening in Africa."

"Jesus was all colors," he said. "When you put together white, and yellow, and red and brown, what do you get? Black."

Olmos said the way to fight racism was not to fight immediately out of anger, but to walk away and fight later.

"When someone exhibits racism, it's their problem," he said. "They may not give me the opportunity, they may do a million things, but they got a problem. Me."

Olmos said his feeling of oneness made him concerned about gangs, especially because children were killing other children for no apparent reason.

"Every kid who gets killed is related to me," he said. "We are all related."

Gangs are a result of a natural human need to be together, he said, and a lack of positive opportunities. He said gang members needed a positive stimulus.

"We must band together to pull in the kids, not push them out," he said.

"If you give them something they could have a future in, nine out of 10 times, they'll take the job and go legit."

Olmos said individuals could help solve the problems of racism and violence by being good role models for younger children.

"You have to be ready as a community," he said. "Start to dig. Go to it, and mentor one on one. Help those kids grow."

Olmos, 46, said he had been a role model for 44 years.

"And everyone here is a role model. When you least expect it, someone will be watching you."

Olmos said his acting helped him to be more understanding of behavior.

"I think everyone in here should take an acting class," he said. "You study human nature, you get an understanding."

Bjorklund

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without some reference to the robberies, Colborn said.

"We don't intend to offer the statements that didn't deal with the homicide," Colborn said.

Helvie said his motion was misunderstood. He said he simply was asking for the state to tell the defense about statements concerning the robbery before they were presented in the trial.

The judge said it would be impossible to foresee every robbery detail that could surface at the trial. Problems concerning that information will be dealt with as they arise, Endacott said.

Helvie asked that Bjorklund's wife, Shannon, not be summoned for action that could lead her to testify against her husband.

The judge said Helvie could object

to her testimony when the time came and then ordered Shannon Bjorklund to give her deposition to the court Oct. 6.

Helvie also asked that Bjorklund and county deputies be allowed to wear street clothes during the trial. Bjorklund wore a blue jail uniform, blue Converse high-top sneakers and leg shackles during the pretrial hearings.

Bjorklund is presumed innocent, Helvie said, and wearing shackles does not foster the presumption of innocence.

"He has behaved in this courtroom in a consistently gentlemanly manner," Helvie said of Bjorklund.

Colborn said he did not object to Bjorklund wearing street clothes during the trial, but asked that he remain in shackles for security reasons.

Bjorklund filed motions on his own behalf calling for evidence to be given to experts for examination. Bjorklund is representing himself in

several robbery charges.

Bjorklund said he had made the same request this summer. He asked the judge why a Suzuki motorcycle, Buick Skylark automobile and five cans of spray paint had not yet been released to experts.

Colborn said Bjorklund had failed to comply with the law in naming a specific expert who would examine the evidence.

"I'm not going to just turn it over to some unknown, alleged, unchecked expert," Colborn said.

Endacott said the motorcycle had been sold to someone in South Dakota and the car was returned to the dealer from which it allegedly was taken.

Endacott said the state was ordered in August to comply with Bjorklund's request to the extent of its control over the items.

"The state no longer has possession and control of those items," he said.

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