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Rescue teams pull out of Turkey

Efforts change to focus on homeless; injured cleared from rubble

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Foreign rescue teams packed up their listening equipment and caged their sniffer dogs on Monday, pulling out of Turkey as the relief effort switched from finding earthquake survivors to aiding those already out of the rubble.

But some amazing discoveries continued to emerge — most notably, a scared, hungry 4-year-old boy found alive Monday after six days under tons of debris.

In a tiny space under a collapsed building, rescuers discovered the boy, whose relatives had already prepared a grave for him. "A miracle of God," the boy's uncle said.

Ismail Cimen, whose father and three sisters were killed in last Tuesday's 7.4-magnitude earthquake, was found alone in a dark nook under a collapsed balcony in Cinarcik, 30 miles south of Istanbul. Doctors said because Ismail had plenty of space and air and was not injured they expected him to recover fully.

Turkish and French crews also asked journalists to help rescue a 45-

year-old woman in Golcuk, 110 miles southeast of Istanbul.

"We ran with the material to the site," said John Clancy, senior Associated Press Television News producer. "We supplied them with a generator, petrol, lighting and cabling equipment so they could work inside."

The woman, Adalet Cetinol, emerged alive Sunday.

But recognizing the near-impossible odds of finding more survivors, rescue efforts changed focus Monday to concentrate on helping the estimated 200,000 homeless.

Some foreign rescue workers claimed Turkish authorities were pressuring them to leave.

"(They) say the rescue operation is finished, and the buildings must be cleared," said one Swiss team member, Rafael Estefan.

Government officials denied making any such demand.

German, Japanese and Austrian rescue teams returned home Monday, and some British rescuers left Sunday, the Anatolia news agency reported.

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resident of Turkey

The casualty toll crept up to 12,134 dead and 33,384 injured Monday, but some experts predicted it would eventually reach 40,000. U.N. spokesman Sergio Piazzi said Turkey had requested help in locating 45,000 body bags.

Quake damage was estimated at up to \$20 billion.

Drenched survivors battled in vain Monday to keep their simple cardboard-and-blanket huts from collapsing into soggy piles in a lashing rain. Disease-carrying dust was washed away, but it was replaced by a foul-smelling quagmire that could fester even worse epidemics such as cholera.

"No one is helping us!" cried a 70-year-old woman as she walked barefoot through the muddy streets of Adapazari,

60 miles southeast of Istanbul. "All I have is my blanket, and that is wet."

Thousands of tents and hotel rooms were available, but many survivors were either unaware of the shelter or simply too tired to reach it.

Some people took shelter where they could in buildings cracked by the quake. Many wore face masks as protection against typhoid fever, dysentery and the stench of rotting corpses.

The rain is a "mixed blessing," said Israeli relief worker Dr. Pinchas Halperin. "If it turns warm again there will be an increased risk of disease from mosquitoes and flies."

Cooler and wet weather would cause respiratory problems, particularly among children and the elderly, he said.



Yugoslavia Ship sinks in Adriatic, killing 17 Kosovars

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — The bodies of 17 Kosovo Gypsy, or Roma, refugees were found floating in the Adriatic Sea after a ship smuggling people to Italy sank, the Montenegrin newspaper Vijesti reported Monday.

The unnamed vessel sank Friday about 30 miles off the Yugoslav coast. A passing ship rescued 69 refugees.

Montenegrin naval police and divers started retrieving bodies late Sunday, the newspaper said.

Australia American tourist saved after 40 days in desert

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Searchers in a helicopter found an American tourist alive early today after he traveled 250 miles, sometimes barefoot, and survived 40 days in the desert by eating plants and drinking muddy water.

Robert Bogucki, 33, a volunteer fireman from Fairbanks, Alaska, was spotted in a dry creek bed in the Great Sandy Desert and was transferred to a hospital in Broome, 1,000 miles north of Perth, Western Australia's state capital.

Australian authorities launched a search after Bogucki's bike and camping equipment were found at the edge of the Great Sandy Desert on July 26.

Beijing Bus accident kills 22, after 400-foot fall

BEIJING (AP) — A bus swerving to avoid an oncoming van plunged off the edge of a highway and fell 400 feet into a ravine, killing 22 people in northern China, a newspaper said Monday.

The bus, with 52 people aboard, was bound from the city of Xi'an in Shaanxi province to Yilong in Sichuan province when the accident occurred Saturday morning in Chang'an County in Shaanxi, the Beijing Youth Daily reported.

London Britain begins export of beef products again

LONDON (AP) — British beef exporters shipped a small package of steaks to Brussels on Monday in a symbolic gesture aimed at re-establishing the \$832 million export market.

The 110-pound consignment was the first British beef exported since the European Union lifted its 29-month ban three weeks ago, after ruling out a further threat of mad cow disease.

Agriculture Minister Nick Brown admitted British farmers face a tough struggle to regain market share. "It is going to be a long struggle to recapture markets, which were good markets when the shutters came down in 1996," he said.

Britain is expected to export 5,500 tons of de-boned beef this year, a fraction of the 271,100 tons shipped in 1995, the last full export year.

Hatch: Bush should answer drug rumors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential contender George W. Bush is being urged by some of his GOP rivals to get the question of illegal drug use behind him by responding to the issue forthrightly.

At the same time, his competitors and supporters maintained that past indiscretions, including possible drug involvement, should not disqualify the Texas governor or anyone else from the presidency. And they emphasized there is no evidence Bush ever used narcotics.

Several candidates suggested that a more complete, direct response was required.

"Just answer the darn question and get rid of it," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said as the issue dominated the Sunday television talk shows.

Hatch said Bush opened the way for inquiries by giving partial answers.

While Bush, 53, has acknowledged he once drank heavily and

made "mistakes" in his youth, there has been no evidence or even credible allegation that he ever has used cocaine or any other illegal drug. When pressed on the matter last week, he gave varying answers and finally said he had not used illegal drugs in the past 25 years. He would not elaborate.

"He has a right to privacy," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., another GOP presidential contender, said on CNN's "Late Edition." He declined to say whether Bush should address the issue further.

Another Republican hopeful, conservative activist Gary Bauer, said Bush and other candidates should "have to answer questions that go to law-breaking."

Bauer said Republicans have a duty to give clear answers on the drug issue. "We went nuts when Bill Clinton said he tried marijuana and didn't inhale. There were a lot of people in my party ... that just pounded on that for months and months and months," he said.

Jet crash leaves many questions

Two people killed as China Airlines jet tried to land in midst of typhoon.

HONG KONG (AP) — After a China Airlines jet crashed and flipped over while trying to land, questions arose Monday about why a plane was landing in the midst of a typhoon that shut down ferries, most buses and some roads. Two people were killed in the crash.

The Taiwan carrier's Flight CI642 from Bangkok dipped sharply before its right wing struck the runway, bouncing the plane onto its back as it burst into flames. There was a loud blast, and suddenly everyone was dangling upside down inside the burning jet.

Sixty people were hospitalized Monday, eight in critical or serious condition. Of the 313 people who survived the crash, 102 walked away uninjured and another 151 were quickly discharged from hospitals.

Killed were a Taiwanese man and a Portuguese woman. The woman was with a 78-member tour group from Portugal that had just spent five days vacationing on a tropical island

in Thailand. Four Americans were also on board.

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Saudi oilman Hassan Al-Husseini flew into Hong Kong earlier from Shanghai and was waiting inside the airport for another flight to Dubai when he saw the plane crash. Despite severe turbulence on his flight to Hong Kong, he said, officials showed a "lack of concern" about the weather until the crash.

"Shouldn't they have canceled our flight or turned us back?" Al-Husseini asked today. "It seems like it's a little bit of a cowboy situation. The pilot must decide whether to take a risk on taking off or landing."

Hong Kong aviation officials said they were following accepted international procedures when they left Chek Lap Kok airport open Sunday during Tropical Storm Sam, adding that it was up to airlines to decide whether to attempt a landing.

Billy Lam, the chief executive of the territory's Airport Authority, said earlier Monday: "We will certainly try to review the situation in light of the experience gained."

Iraqi armed forces: Warplanes killed two

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — American and British warplanes killed two people Monday in an attack on a northern Iraqi town, Iraq's armed forces said.

The U.S. military said allied planes shot at an Iraqi military radar station after being fired upon by Iraqi anti-aircraft guns.

A statement from the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, did not mention casualties, saying only that "damage to Iraqi forces is currently being assessed."

The Iraqi armed forces said U.S. and British planes flew 18 sorties over northern Iraq, bombing the town of Ba'sheqa. The town is located 280 miles north of Baghdad and 30 miles east of

the Saddam Dam area, which allied planes bombed Aug. 16.

The U.S. military said the allied planes were fired on Monday while patrolling the "no-fly" zone in northern Iraq. The United States and Britain patrol the skies over northern and southern Iraq to protect Kurdish and Shiite Muslim minorities from President Saddam Hussein's forces.

Baghdad regards the patrols as a violation of its sovereignty and since December has regularly challenged the allied planes by locking missile radar on them. The United States and Britain have responded by firing, saying they target only radar and other military sites.

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