

2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami

== Tsunami == 9f585f2f1e == Affected states and regions
== 9f585f2f1e The areas hardest hit were the northern coastal regions and outlying islands, such as Penang and Langkawi. Wave heights near the shore were 2.5–3 m (8.2–9.8 ft) for Langkawi and 2–3 m (6.6–9.8 ft) for Penang, where wave runup heights reached 6–8 m (20–26 ft) in one location. In some areas of Malaysia, the tsunami surged 3 km (1.9 mi) inland. Houses in fishing villages along coastal areas, such as Batu Ferringhi and Balik Pulau in Penang, were damaged. Coastal areas in Peninsular Malaysia, including 13 villages in Kuala Muda, Kedah, and Kuala Triang in Langkawi island, were also affected. About a quarter of holiday vessels anchored in Rebak and Telaga harbours in Langkawi were damaged. The waves sent parked motorcycles crashing and left cars covered with mud along stretches of Gurney Drive in George Town, Penang... 9f585f2f1e

Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System The tsunami warning system has been in use since the mid-2000s. The tsunami warning system has been in use since the mid-2000s. A warning system for the Indian Ocean was prompted by the 2004 Indian Ocean The Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System, abbreviated as IOTWS, was set up to provide warning to inhabitants of nations bordering the Indian Ocean of approaching tsunamis. tsunamis 9f585f2f1e

== Contributing countries and supra-national organizations == 9f585f2f1e The total damage is estimated to be nearly \$460 million, which accounted for nearly 62% of the country's GDP in 2004. The reconstruction effort of all property that was damaged was estimated to be around \$1 billion. 9f585f2f1e == Sunday, 26 December 2004 == 9f585f2f1e The tsunami was caused by a 9.0 magnitude earthquake located in Indonesia in the early morning of 26 December 2004. The first location where the tsunami was noticed was on the Similan Islands, a famous diving site located about 70 km from Phang Nga town in Pha Nga province, 13 km from central Khao Lak. When the tsunami struck, the sea around these islands was reported to have strong currents... 9f585f2f1e The government declared a state of national disaster and a special task force was

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set up to provide aid and supplies. Rescue efforts were hampered by loss of communication capability with the over one thousand islands that compose the nation, as well as by the lack of disaster planning. 9f585f2f1e

Effect of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake on Thailand
The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami left behind unprecedented Thailand was one of the 18 countries greatly impacted by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami on 26 December 2004. In addition, 2,993 people were reported missing in Thailand. The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami was a significant disaster event that impacted a vast population. The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami left behind unprecedented damage and destruction in six provinces of Thailand, impacting 407 villages, and completely destroying 47 of them, including prominent tourist resorts like Khao Lak. 7 million people were left homeless. The disaster killed about 5,400 people in Thailand, including foreign tourists. According to reports, over 250,000 people were killed within 18 countries across Southeast Asia and Southern Africa that were impacted, and over 1. greatly impacted by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami on 26 December 2004 9f585f2f1e

A warning system for the Indian Ocean was prompted by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and resulting tsunami, which left approximately 250,000 people dead or missing. Many analysts claimed that the disaster would have been mitigated if there had been an effective warning system in place, citing the well-established Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, which operates in the Pacific Ocean. 9f585f2f1e Tsunami waves do not resemble normal undersea currents or sea waves because their wavelength is far longer. Rather than appearing as a breaking wave, a tsunami may instead initially resemble a rapidly rising tide. For this reason, it is often referred to as a tidal wave, although this usage is not favoured by the scientific community because it might give the false impression of a causal relationship between tides and tsunamis. Tsunamis generally consist of a series of waves, with periods ranging from minutes to hours, arriving in a so-called "wave train... 9f585f2f1e

Effect of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake on India
The earthquake According to official estimates in India, 10,749 people were killed, 5,640 people were missing and

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thousands of people became homeless when a tsunami triggered by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake near the Indonesian island of Sumatra struck the southern coast on 26 December 2004. when a tsunami triggered by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake near the Indonesian island of Sumatra struck the southern coast on 26 December 2004. The death toll of the earthquake was 1,500 people. It was followed by strong aftershocks on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The earthquake registered 9. 2–9. 3 Mw and was the largest in five decades 9f585f2f1e

Effect of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake on the Maldives 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. 82 people were killed and 24 were reported missing, and are now presumed dead after the archipelago was hit by a tsunami caused by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake on 26 December 2004. Two-thirds of the capital city Malé was flooded during the first hours of the day. Other outlying low-level atolls were badly affected, and some low-lying islands, including some of the major resorts, were submerged at the peak of the tsunami. 82 people were killed and 24 were reported missing, and are now presumed dead after the archipelago was hit by a tsunami caused In the independent republic of Maldives, all islands except for 9 were hit by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami 9f585f2f1e

== Background == 9f585f2f1e

Countries affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami Nations that were affected are listed below in alphabetical order. Countries with a smaller number of casualties, as well as those that lost citizens who were travelling abroad, are listed further on in the article. 3, devastated The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami occurred on Sunday, December 26, 2004. 3, devastated Aceh Province, Indonesia, while the tsunami affected countries all around the Indian Ocean. The earthquake itself, with a moment magnitude of around 9. 2-9. For detailed information about each country affected by the earthquake and tsunami, see their articles. 2-9. The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami occurred on Sunday, December 26, 2004. The earthquake itself, with a moment magnitude of around 9 9f585f2f1e

Tsunami Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, underwater explosions, landslides, glacier calvings, meteorite impacts and other disturbances above or below water all have the potential to generate a tsunami. 'harbour

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wave', pronounced [tsunami]) is a series of waves in a water body caused by the displacement of a large volume of water, generally in an ocean or a large lake. tsunamis is limited to coastal areas, their destructive power can be enormous, and they can affect entire ocean basins. The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami A tsunami ((t)soo-NAH-mee, (t)suu-; from Japanese: 津波, lit. Unlike normal ocean waves, which are generated by wind, or tides, which are in turn generated by the gravitational pull of the Moon and the Sun, a tsunami is generated by the displacement of water from a large event 9f585f2f1e

The earthquake caused a massive tsunami with waves up to 30 m (100 ft) high, referred to by British and Commonwealth media as the Boxing Day tsunami, after the Boxing Day holiday, or the Asian tsunami, which devastated communities along the surrounding coasts of the Indian Ocean, killing an estimated 227,898 people in 14 countries, especially in Aceh in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Tamil Nadu in India, and Khao Lak in Thailand. The direct result was severe disruption to living conditions and commerce in coastal provinces of these and other surrounding countries. It is the deadliest tsunami in history, the deadliest natural disaster of the 21st century, and one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history. It is also the worst natural disaster in the history of Indonesia... 9f585f2f1e

2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami 2–9. Boxing Day tsunami, after the Boxing Day holiday, or the Asian tsunami, which devastated communities along the surrounding coasts of the Indian Ocean, killing On 26 December 2004, at 07:58:53 local time (UTC+7), a Mw 9. The undersea megathrust earthquake, known in the scientific community as the Sumatra–Andaman earthquake, was caused by a rupture along the fault boundary between the Burma plate and the Indian plate, and reached a maximum Mercalli intensity of IX in some areas. 3 earthquake struck with its epicenter off the west coast of Aceh, in northern Sumatra, Indonesia 9f585f2f1e

Effect of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake on Malaysia Despite its proximity to the epicentre of the earthquake, Malaysia escaped the level of damage that struck countries hundreds of miles further away. Malaysia was affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami on 26 December 2004. Since the epicentre was on the

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western coast of Sumatra, the island largely protected the country from the worst of the tsunami. Despite its proximity to the epicentre of the earthquake, Malaysia Malaysia was affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami on 26 December 2004 9f585f2f1e

Humanitarian response to the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake Indonesian island of Sumatra, generated a tsunami that wreaked havoc along much of the rim of the Indian Ocean. 7 million became homeless and displaced. 2–9. 3 was prompted by one of the worst natural disasters of modern times. About 230,000 people were killed, tens of thousands more were injured, and 1. Particularly hard-hit were the countries The humanitarian response to the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake of a magnitude of 9. On 26 December 2004, the earthquake, which struck off the northwest coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra, generated a tsunami that wreaked havoc along much of the rim of the Indian Ocean. Particularly hard-hit were the countries of Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand 9f585f2f1e

Asian expatriates, governments, humanitarian organisations and individuals around the world arrived, eager to offer aid and technical support. The global scale of the disaster led to three rapid activations of the International Charter on Space and Major Disasters: by the French Civil Protection Agency for Sri Lanka, by the Indian space agency ISRO the Maldives, for India, particularly the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the southeast, and by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), acting on behalf of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), for... 9f585f2f1e == Countries suffering major casualties and damage == 9f585f2f1e People in some areas would have had more than adequate time to seek safety if they were aware of the impending catastrophe. The only way to effectively mitigate the impact of a tsunami is through an early warning system. Other methods such as sea walls only work for a percentage of waves, but a warning system is effective for all waves originating outside a minimum distance from the coastline. 9f585f2f1e == Notes == 9f585f2f1e == Tsunami == 9f585f2f1e

Timeline of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami Although National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) scientists at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center

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(PTWC) in Hawaii eventually issued warnings Although National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) scientists at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) in Hawaii eventually issued warnings of a possible tsunami from the large earthquake off Sumatra, the waves outran notification systems at jet speeds of 500 mph (804 km/h), catching hundreds of thousands of people unaware. The following is a timeline of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake. All times are Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), on Sunday, 26 December 2004 9f585f2f1e

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