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Brothers survive Taiwan earthquake ordeal

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Two brothers were pulled to freedom yesterday after five and a half days buried alive in the wreckage of Taiwan's killer quake, saying they survived by eating a few apples and playing cards in the small space where they were trapped.

Amid the devastation and shattered hopes, Taiwanese were cheered by the improbable survival of Sun Chi-kwang, 20, and Sun Chi-feng, who turned 26 Wednesday, one day into their 130-hour ordeal in the wreckage of a collapsed Taipei building.

The brothers were rescued even as powerful aftershocks continue to jolt Taiwan. A particularly strong one hit early yesterday, killing at least three people on top of the more than 2,000 who had already died.

Onlookers applauded as the younger Sun, stripped to the waist but staying upright and holding a bottle of water he got from rescue workers, was lifted to safety by a crane. His brother was rushed away on a stretcher.

Their mother, Liu Luan, heaved with sobs of joy as her sons came out alive, speaking so fast she was almost incoherent.

"I kept thinking, 'This is not possible, this is not possible,'" Liu told reporters at the scene. "I kept praying for them all the time."

The brothers were hospitalized in stable condition. Doctors were checking them for possible internal injuries or dehydration.

"They are both very clear and conscious of what happened," Dr. Su Chong-jen, chief of

surgery at the hospital where they were taken, said. "What they need now is rest."

The Sun brothers had been playing bridge when the 7.6-magnitude quake struck in the wee hours Tuesday.

The 12-story building they were in crumpled, flattening parts of the hotel, offices and apartments it contained. The brothers' parents and sister were not at home at the time.

"I kept thinking, 'This is not possible, this is not possible.'"

— Liu Luan

Mother of victims trapped under rubble

The two kept up their spirits by continuing their card game while they waited in the small space, their doctor said by telephone. When their water ran out, they were forced to drink their own urine.

From his hospital bed, Sun Chi-kwang said he even managed to give his sibling a birthday gift.

"My older brother told me that never in my life did I celebrate his birthday with him, so I said today I would celebrate with you and I gave him my necklace," he said.

He told TVBS television that while trapped he had "a very strange dream" in which "there was

someone beside me saying that behind there was a hole from where I could get out."

"I thought that was really strange about my older brother. He asked me what it said fate could not have been talking to me went back to sleep," Sun said.

"A little later I saw a hole, and indeed it turned out to be a big hole," he said, referring to rescuers carved into the rubble to reach them.

Emergency crews worked into the night through a light drizzle in hopes of saving lives in the Taipei building, though they were certain whether anyone else was still in the building was one of the hardest-hit structures in Taipei, the capital.

Yesterday's aftershock — a sizable earthquake in its own right — brought down some buildings in central Taiwan, the hardest-hit region, cracked walls as far away as Taipei, 90 miles to the north. Its magnitude was estimated at 6.5 by different sources.

The aftershock killed three people, injured at least 58 and buried another 20 in the rubble. Although there have been thousands of aftershocks, Sunday's was big enough to send people scurrying out of their homes and open spaces. Others donned motorcycle helmets.

"Nobody here dares to stay home at night," said university student Lee Wen in the town of Puji, where water, electricity and telephone service have yet to be restored. "They all stay in schools."

Deaths from the new tremor, and more unearched on Sunday, brought the total from the quakes to 2,056.

Russian warplanes bomb Chechen capital

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — The Russian military on Sunday warned it may launch ground operations against Islamic militants in Chechnya while warplanes

bomb the Chechen capital for a fourth day, pounding industrial and communications facilities.

Four Russian jets flew repeatedly over the city's southern Oktyabrsky district yesterday morning, firing rockets and dropping bombs, the Interfax news agency said.

The district is the site of Chechnya's now-destroyed television broadcasting center as well as oil wells.

Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev said he could not rule out the possibility of launching ground operations in the breakaway republic.

Until now, the military has favored an air war that would keep Russian casualties to a minimum.

"There are several variants of a plan for ground operations, which will be implemented depending on the situation that develops," Interfax quoted Sergeev as saying.

He spoke while visiting soldiers recovering from Dagestan

battle wounds in a Moscow military hospital.

"The main aim of all the plans is to eliminate the bandits" and "to create a considerably deep security zone around Chechnya," he said.

The militants are separatists who want to form an independent Islamic nation in what is now southern Russia.

The Russian military said the air raids are aimed at preventing militant incursions from Chechnya into the Russian republic of Dagestan, where they fought Russian forces in August and September.

Increasingly, however, Russian leaders have vowed to eradicate the militants altogether.

Eyewitnesses said that over the past four days, Russian air raids have destroyed more than 100 oil pumps, reservoirs and small refineries in and around Grozny that are believed to be controlled by Chechen rebel field commanders.

The oil was the basis of a profitable business providing low-grade gasoline to other Russian regions.

Russian planes also struck suspected rebel camps near Chechnya's border with Dagestan on Saturday, the ITAR-Tass news agency said, citing the provisional federal press center in Dagestan.

Col. Gen. Anatoly Kornukov, commander of Russia's Air Force, said in a television interview Sunday

that the air campaign against Chechnya could last another month.

Russian military commanders appeared to be considering a major raid into Chechnya to put the militants on the defensive and stop their incursions into surrounding Russian territory.

While Russian has massed armored forces on the Chechen borders, military analysts say the force is too small to mount a full-scale invasion of Chechnya.

The Russian military is short of everything from trained infantry to food, and an invasion of Chechnya could risk a major defeat — not unlike the kind it suffered during the 1994-96 war, when it lost control of Chechnya to a much smaller, poorly-armed guerrilla force.

Nonetheless, Russian public opinion appears to favor tough action against Chechnya in the wake of a series of apartment bombings in Russia during the past month that have been blamed on the Chechen militants.

Meanwhile, Chechens tried desperately to flee the bombing in their republic.

An estimated 40,000 people arrived in the neighboring republic of Ingushetia, prompting the Ingushetian authorities to close the border on yesterday.

Plane crashes in Hawaii

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — A sightseeing airplane with 19 people aboard crashed from the flanks of the Mauna Kea volcano here Sunday.

The plane was totally destroyed, just like a plane would if it went into rocks at a high speed," Doug Leung, spokesman for the Hawaii Canoe National Park, said.

Rescue crews reached the crash site in the Big Island of Hawaii to recover bodies yesterday morning, said Pete Butts of the Hawaii County Sheriff's Office.

No details were released about the victims. The Red Cross was working with the Hawaiian Islands Air, to notify relatives.

Big Island Air notified the International Airport at 7:20 a.m. Saturday that its plane was due with a pilot and nine passengers, Marilyn Kali, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Transportation, said.

The plane had taken off the airport at 4:30 p.m. Saturday for a tour of the island's Loa and Mauna Kea volcanoes.

"This is a shock to us," said Mann, Big Island Air's director of operations, said.

Fireworks storage blows up, kills 50

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A series of explosions ripped through a crowded area of street stalls and shops across from a downtown bus station in the central Mexican city of Celaya on yesterday, killing at least 50 people, authorities said.

Media reports said the tragedy apparently began when a fireworks storehouse exploded about 10:30 a.m. A few minutes later there was a second large blast.

Some reports said it was caused when gas tanks used for cooking exploded at a nearby restaurant, while others blamed more exploding fireworks. The second explosion apparently trapped some rescuers who had responded to the first blast.

Television footage showed some concrete buildings reduced to mounds of rubble, others with their fronts blown off.

The streets were piled with debris and bodies as fire fighters sprayed water on the remnants of the fire caused by the blasts.

State spokesperson Francisco Aguilar said 50 people were confirmed dead and 76 others were injured in this industrial city 120 miles northwest of Mexico City.

Among those reported dead were a police officer, two Red Cross workers, two firefighters, a local reporter and four children.

"It's a very big tragedy," Mayor Ricardo Suarez said in an interview with the national TV Azteca network.

Troops were called in to help police evacuate residents and seal off an eight-block area around the explosions as rescue workers searched for more victims.

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Turkish police storm prison

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Left-wing inmates and security forces at an Ankara prison for almost seven years yesterday in a riot that left 10 inmates dead and 50 others injured in clashes in prisons across the country.

The violence began early Sunday morning in the Ulucanlar prison.

Guards tried to enter a prison ward after being off that the inmates were planning to escape by a tunnel, the justice ministry said.

The approximately 50 inmates barricaded themselves in their ward to thwart the search, fire and hurled bombs at the security forces, the ministry statement said.

Turkish police have little control over the country's crowded prisons, and it is not uncommon for inmates to have weapons and cellular phones.

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