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WORLD

Survivor pulled from Turkey quake rubble Rescuers remove woman trapped 105 hours under remains of her apartment

DUZCE, Turkey (AP) — Four days after being buried in rubble by a devastating earthquake, a woman was pulled barely conscious from the remains of her apartment house yesterday, even as rescuers prepared to end their search for survivors.

Sefa Cebeci, 42, was buried 105 hours in a mountain of crumbled concrete that was once a six-story building.

Discovered by Israeli rescuers and ferried by helicopter to Istanbul, 130 miles to the west, she faced amputation of her crushed right arm and was fighting for her life.

"Her condition is still critical due to kidney malfunction. We are doing our best," Dr. Emre Gorgun said by telephone from Istanbul's Cerahpasa Hospital.

Despite the miraculous rescue, search teams continued packing up, saying no one else is likely to have survived amid the rain and winter cold.

Some 550 people were killed in the Nov. 12 quake.

"The estimation is now that they can't find any more survivors," Gilad Cohen, spokesperson for the Israeli Embassy in Ankara, said.

"The work now is to take out bodies." He said an Israeli army medical team would stay. The last time shouts of "survivor" went up

was on Saturday.

Cebeci was the 22nd person pulled alive from the rubble.

Twenty-one people in the complex perished, including her husband, whose body was found near hers only an hour before her rescue.

"We knew we would find people under there. We didn't know if they would be alive or dead. It was just chance," Hasan Aksu, a Turkish translator working with the Israeli team, said.

Hungarians, Turks and Americans were among the volunteers digging through the ruins of Duzce, the town hardest hit when the 7.2 magnitude quake struck northwestern Turkey, killing 200 people in this town of 70,000 alone.

In August, a 7.4-magnitude quake that rocked the same region killed an estimated 17,000 people and weakened structures that went down with the latest temblor.

Late yesterday morning, another aftershock struck the area. Mud 8 inches deep quivered like gelatin on the sidewalks when the 5.0-magnitude temblor rolled through Duzce.

Assessing the damage in Turkey

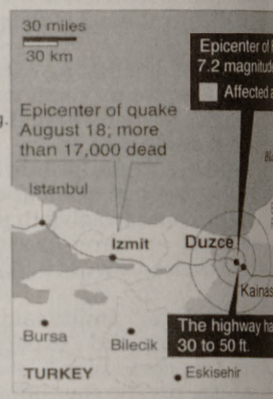
Temperatures in the region have plunged below freezing and chances of survival for people trapped beneath the rubble had a magnitude of 7.2 on the Richter scale.

The current toll

- ▶ At least 550 are dead, 3,305 injured, and several hundred people are missing.
- ▶ More than 720 buildings have collapsed.

The rescue effort involves

- ▶ More than 6,000 Turkish soldiers and 18,000 relief workers.
- ▶ 500 ambulances.
- ▶ More than 1,200 foreign rescuers from 30 countries.



Vendors selling sesame-coated snacks struggled to keep the snacks stacked heads.

Mark Lucas, a member of the American Red Cross working in Duzce, said the Americans are considering wrapping up operations.

Pakistan arrests the wealthy, the well-connected

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The military government rounded up hundreds of Pakistan's most powerful and wealthy people yesterday, making good on its promise to try and rid the country's political ranks of rampant corruption.

The raids — which brought in landowners, industrialists, athletes and politicians from all parties — began hours after a deadline expired for debtors to repay loans or face criminal charges.

According to Pakistan television, \$138 million had been recovered when the deadline expired — just 3 percent of the estimated \$4 billion outstanding.

Soldiers in green army jeeps roared up to the palatial home of Nawaz Kokhar, a member of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's party, on the outskirts of Islamabad to arrest him.

"We hope we will get justice. We are not going to run," Kokhar, who reportedly owes about \$2 million, said.

He was just one of hundreds taken in during army chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf's crackdown on corruption, which he promised to carry out last month after seizing power in a bloodless coup.

There were conflicting reports on the exact number of arrests, but police and intelligence officials said the nationwide raids brought in as many as 450 people.

An official statement named 21 people who were arrested. Deposed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his brother, Sharif, were among those charged, though the family reportedly paid nearly \$6 million in loans by the Tuesday deadline.

He was handed over to police late yesterday, and within 24 hours he was due in court to be formally charged. He was accused of either charge, he would face the death penalty or life in prison.

The charges stem from an incident in 1997 when an aircraft returning Musharraf to Pakistan was refused permission to land in Karachi on the material.

The army seized control of the airport and allowed the plane to land, and took the aircraft into custody.

Yesterday, the army interrupted television programming to name some of those arrested, including Manzoor Wattoo, a former chief minister of Punjab; Rasool, former captain of Pakistan's national field hockey team; and Anwar Saifullah, a leading politician and industrialist.

"They have committed crimes against this nation," Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider said on state television. "We have to be tough."

The TV report also called Bhutto a "proclaimed offender," and said he was still wanted for arrest on corruption charges.

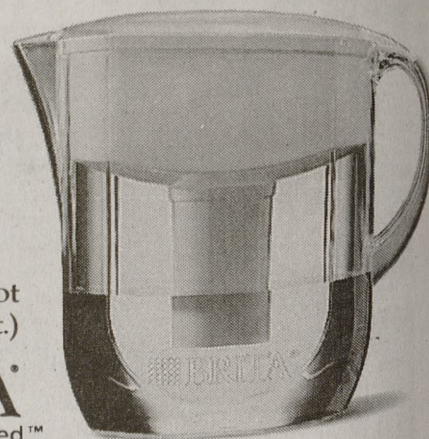
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— Nawaz Kokhar
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