

Japan earthquake and tsunami: list of impacts of disaster

Japan is struggling to contain a growing nuclear crisis caused by the huge earthquake and tsunami on March 11. Here is a list of the impact of the earthquake and tsunami and the subsequent crisis at a nuclear power plant.



Scientists monitor the amount of radiation on the ground of a day-care centre in Iitate, Fukushima prefecture Photo: AP

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DEATH TOLL

A total of 12,431 people were confirmed dead by Japan's National Police Agency, while 15,153 were missing.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE EVACUATED

More than 163,000 people were in shelters around the country following evacuation, the National Police Agency said. The government has set up an evacuation area around Tokyo Electric Power Co's quake-stricken nuclear plant in Fukushima 150 miles north of Tokyo, with a 12-mile radius. More than 70,000 people lived in the largely rural area within the zone. It is unclear how many of them have been evacuated, but most are believed to have left. Another 136,000 people were within a zone extending a further six miles in which residents are recommended to leave or stay indoors.

HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT ELECTRICITY

A total of 164,059 households in the north were without electricity, Tohoku Electric Power Co said.

HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT WATER

At least 170,000 households in eight prefectures were without running water, the Health Ministry said.

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS DAMAGED

At least 46,027 buildings have been destroyed, washed away or burnt down, the National Police Agency of Japan said.

IMPACT ON ECONOMY

The government has estimated damage from the earthquake and tsunami at 16-25 trillion yen.

The top estimate would make it the world's costliest natural disaster.

The estimate covers damage to roads, homes, factories and other infrastructure, but excludes lost economic activity from power outages and costs arising from damage to the Fukushima nuclear power plant, as well as the impact of swings in financial markets and business sentiment. The yen initially spiked to a record high against the dollar after the quake, prompting the first joint intervention by the Group of Seven rich nations in 11 years to help shield **Japan's** export-reliant economy.

Japan's reconstruction spending will almost certainly exceed that of the 1995 quake in Kobe, when the government needed extra budgets of more than 3 trillion yen. The government may need to spend more than 10 trillion yen in emergency budgets for post-quake disaster relief and reconstruction, with part of them possibly covered by new taxes, Deputy Finance Minister Mitsuru Sakurai signalled on Thursday.

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES OFFERING AID

According to the Foreign Ministry, 134 countries and 39 international organisations have offered assistance.