Wave of destruction

World's biggest earthquake for 40 years devastates Asia

The death toll continued to climb overnight from one country to another, with the Indonesian military confirming a minimum of 1,625 killed so far. The official toll in Indonesia was put at 3,300, but officials conceded that the true figure could be much higher.

More than 7,000 people died across the region and up to 16,000 high cadavers crashed into Sri Lanka and India and overwhelmed morgues in Colombo.

Indonesia:

The worst-hit area appeared to be the south Indian Ocean off Sumatra and the Maldives. The tsunami – triggered by an 8.9 magnitude underwater earthquake –可能导致了印度尼西亚

island of Sumatra – hit parts of India’s eastern coast.

India:

Panic-stricken Chennai residents rushed out of their homes as the south crashes into the coast.

Thailand:

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