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=====AMERICAN SAMOA EARTHQUAKE/Tsunami WARNING (21 SEC)

AT LEAST 14 PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN A TSUNAMI SWEEP ASHORE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRY OF AMERICAN SAMOA. THE EARTHQUAKE HAD A MAGNITUDE OF UP TO 8.3 AND IT HIT DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS. OFFICIALS SAID DEATHS OCCURRED IN FOUR DIFFERENT VILLAGES ON THE MAIN ISLAND OF TUTUILA, WITH SIX IN THE WESTERN AREA OF LEONE.

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=====INDONESIA-QUAKE (20 sec)

A STRONG UNDERWATER EARTHQUAKE WITH A MAGNITUDE OF 7.9 HIT STRUCK OFF THE COAST OF INDONESIA'S SUMATRA ISLAND, THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SAID. NO TSUNAMI WARNING WAS ISSUED, AND HUNDREDS OF HOUSES AND BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED. THE DEATH TOLL IS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 100 AND 200. THOUSANDS REMAINED TRAPPED UNDER THE RUBBLE.