

Why first 72 hours crucial for rescues

AFP, Paris

Time was running out for survivors buried in the rubble of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, as search efforts near the crucial 72-hour mark, a rescue response expert said yesterday.

More than 90 percent of earthquake survivors are rescued within the first three days, said Ilan Kelman, a professor of disasters and health at University College London. With the 72-hour window closing early this morning, Kelman told AFP why this timeframe is so important.

INJURIES, TEMPERATURE

“Generally, earthquakes do not kill people, collapsing infrastructure kills people,” said Kelman, who has published research on quake rescue responses. The most pressing factor is getting medical attention to people crushed under collapsed buildings before “their bodies fail” or they bleed out, he said.

Weather is also a key factor, and “it is completely against us” in Turkey and Syria, Kelman said. “This very sadly means that hypothermia is possible, and people are probably unfortunately perishing due to the weather,” Kelman said.

GETTING HELP TO THE SCENE

Kelman said that normally “the vast majority of survivors are brought out within 24 hours by local teams, often using no more than their hands or a shovel.”

Dozens of nations have pledged to send search and rescue teams as well as relief supplies to Turkey and Syria. But the quake occurred in “a remote area, in a conflict zone, which is very difficult to get into,” Kelman said. It generally takes at least 24 hours for international rescue teams to arrive, get set up and start working.

“At that point, a good number of the people who could have survived have already perished,” Kelman said.

HOW TO FIND SURVIVORS?

Once on the scene, there are a range of ways that rescue teams can find earthquake survivors, including dogs which sniff through rubble. A particularly famous team of quake rescue dogs from Mexico is on its way to Turkey, Kelman pointed out.

BEFORE THE 72 HOURS STARTS

Kelman emphasised that “ultimately, a successful rescue operation starts decades before the earthquake to try to stop the infrastructure collapsing in the first place”.

During an international rescue operation such as those in Turkey and Syria, it costs an average of \$1 million per life saved, he said. “If we would see levels of investment in disaster prevention that we are seeing in disaster response, we would not be in this situation.”



Abdulalim Muaini lies under the rubble next to the body of his wife Esra, in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Hatay, Turkey, yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

TURKEY-SYRIA QUAKE Hope, heartbreak as children pulled from rubble

AL JAZEERA ONLINE

A one-year-old baby was found alive yesterday in the Turkish province of Sanliurfa after spending 53 hours trapped under a collapsed five-storey building, Turkey's Anadolu Agency reported.

It is just one of a number of harrowing images that have emerged of some of the millions of children caught in the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey and Syria, which was followed by a second magnitude 7.6 earthquake hours later and more than 100 aftershocks.

Rescue efforts are ongoing, with moments of hope in the midst of the disaster.

A mother and her two-year-

old daughter were rescued in Iskenderun nearly 44 hours after the first tremor hit the Hatay province, which was among the most affected.

In the southeastern Adiyaman province, a child was rescued from the rubble and, shortly after, her mother was also brought to safety.

In the city of Kahramanmaraş, Al Jazeera's Resul Serdar detailed how rescuers saved a 14-year-old girl who was trapped under the rubble for more than 40 hours.

“When the rescue team took her out, the first thing that she said was, ‘Please save my father as well.’ Her father was very close to her and he was also alive. Later, during the night, her father was also pulled out from the rubble,” Serdar said.

On Tuesday, a photograph of a father holding the hand of his teenage daughter who died trapped under the rubble of a flattened building in the Turkish region of Kahramanmaraş conveys the scale of the suffering provoked by magnitude 7.8 earthquake and its aftershocks.

Sitting amid the rubble, Mesut Hancer held on to his 15-year-old daughter's hand which was all that showed from under the slabs of concrete piled above her lifeless body.

In the northwestern Syrian town of Jinderis, a young girl was pulled out alive from under the rubble of her home by the White Helmet rescue group.

HIDDEN CASH STOCKPILE Ousted Lankan president quizzed

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan police told AFP yesterday they are investigating ousted president Gotabaya Rajapaksa over a hidden cash stockpile uncovered when protesters stormed his former residence last year. Rajapaksa presided over an unprecedented economic crisis that saw the island nation's 22 million people suffer through months of food, fuel and pharmaceutical shortages. He fled the country last July after an angry mob besieged his compound – tendering his resignation from abroad days later – but has since returned and is living under armed guard. Protesters occupied his presidential palace for several days, discovering 17.5 million rupees (\$48,000) hidden in Rajapaksa's private quarters that they later turned over to police. Police investigators on Monday “recorded a three-hour long statement from the former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa on the cash found in the president's house”, police spokesman Nihal Thaldudu told AFP. A court in the capital Colombo had ordered police to take a statement on the cash stockpile last November. Thaldudu said the interrogation was part of an ongoing investigation, without giving further details.

DOWNING OF FLIGHT MH17 Putin ‘approved’ missile supply: probe

AFP, The Hague

Russian President Vladimir Putin likely decided to supply the missile that shot down Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over Ukraine, but there is no realistic prospect of prosecuting him or others, investigators said yesterday. Investigators said there were “strong indications” Putin had personally approved the transfer of the missile to pro-Russian separatists during fighting in eastern Ukraine in 2014, citing intercepted phone calls. But the probe is being suspended because “all leads have been exhausted” into the shooting down of the plane, which crashed with the loss of all 298 people on board. The announcement comes less than three months after a Dutch court convicted two Russians and a Ukrainian of murdering those aboard MH17. “There are strong indications that the Russian president decided on supplying the Buk TELAR to the separatists,” the Joint Investigation Team said.



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