

DISASTERS UPDATE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL

Bhiwandi: Two dead after 'most dangerous' building collapses

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An elderly couple was killed and six others injured when Bhiwandi's two-storey building, which was declared as "most dangerous" by municipal authorities, collapsed early Sunday morning. Eight injured persons were pulled out from the debris of the collapsed building, located on Khadan Road in Hanuman Tekadi locality. The building's owner Sajjanlal Mahadev Gupta (60) and his wife Satyawati Sajjan Gupta (55), succumbed to their injuries at a hospital, Resident Deputy Collector Vandana Suryavanshi said.

According to PTI, seven to eight people are feared to be buried under the debris while four have been rescued so far. Fire tenders have reached the spot and rescue work is going on. Locals were also seen trying to help the those trapped under the debris.

The disaster control teams from Thane and Kalyan were rushed to the spot immediately upon receiving an alert, while local firemen were also pressed into action. An NDRF team has reached the powerloom town and is carrying out rescue operations with the help of local agencies, Suryavanshi said. On getting information about the building collapse, Municipal Commissioner E Ravinderan and local tehsildar Vaishali Lambate also rushed to the scene and supervised the rescue operations.

According to a spokesman of the Bhiwandi civic body, the building occupants were earlier served evacuation notices, following which two of the around 5-6 families residing there vacated the place while the others stayed back. The water connection to the building was snapped when the occupants had refused to vacate and the power supply was also going to be cut soon, the spokesman said. On July 31, a two-storey residential building had crashed amid heavy rains claiming eight lives, including that of four children and three women, while 10 others were injured.

Three injured, houses collapse in landslide in Arunachal

Source: India Today

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Itanagar, Aug 7 (PTI) Three persons were injured and eight houses collapsed following landslides triggered by torrential rain at Barbara in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh, an official said today.

The local administration evacuated the people of the entire village to a safer place after the landslide on Friday, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dilip Kumar Chutia said. A road, two culverts and a bridge were also damaged in the rain that is continuing for the past few days. Immediate relief materials and monetary assistance have been provided to the affected people, he said. Chief Minister Pema Khandu has expressed shock and asked for early constitution of a board to assess the losses for further action.

INTERNATIONAL

Macedonia Floods Leave Several Dead

Source: The Wall Street Journal

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SKOPJE, Macedonia—Torrential rain and floods in the Macedonian capital have left at least 17 people dead, six missing and sent 60 others to the hospital, authorities said Sunday.

Police and army helicopters searched for the missing and evacuated hundreds from the flood zone after heavy rain, strong winds and thunderstorms hit the city and its northern suburbs late Saturday.

Special police, army units and firefighters have been sent to the worst-hit areas in the capital's northern suburbs and the nearby villages of Stajkovci, Aracinovo and Smiljkovci. Hundreds of homes and vehicles have been destroyed by the floods, roads are impassable and several areas are without electricity.

Authorities said more than 1,000 people had been evacuated so far.

Skopje Mayor Koce Trajanovski described the damage as "the worst Skopje has ever seen."

After a meeting of the National Crisis Management Center, Health Minister Nikola Todorov said the death toll could soon rise. He said the government plans to declare a state of emergency shortly for two weeks in the most affected region.

Local media reported that most victims drowned in their houses when torrents swept through the area. Meteorologists said more torrential rain and strong winds are expected later Sunday.