

CNN News Highlights — Myanmar Earthquake

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This is the largest earthquake Myanmar has seen in more than a century. Myanmar, one of Asia's poorest nations, has largely been _____ by its military government during four years of _____. But now, the world is _____ to help. International aid has reached the most devastated parts of the country, but aid groups say they are still _____ major _____. This earthquake was so powerful that its effects were seen and felt hundreds of miles away, including in places like Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Our Will Ripley has more for us on this _____ news.

1) Buddhist monasteries	2) crippled	3) damage stretches across	4) Friday prayers	5) geologists
6) piles of debris	7) Muslim worshippers	8) reduced to rubble	9) reflection	10) struck

One of many devastating scenes comes from the _____ city of Mandalay. _____ entire neighborhoods—homes and historic buildings _____. _____, places of peace and _____, are now _____. _____ say the massive 7.7 earthquake had the energy of _____. Myanmar's worst quake in more than a century _____ during _____, and many mosques collapsed, trapping _____ inside.

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After several years of _____ and largely _____, the leader of Myanmar's _____ surveyed the devastation, making a _____ for international aid. That aid is now slowly beginning to arrive from China, Russia, India, and other countries that _____. For this _____ nation, help cannot come quickly enough.

1) 7.7 magnitude earthquake	2) aftershocks	3) epicenter	4) likely trapping dozens inside	5) skyscrapers	6) uninhabitable
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The _____ and its powerful _____ have likely left parts of the nation _____. With severe damage hundreds of miles from the _____, including in Thailand's capital city of Bangkok. _____ swayed so violently that rooftop pools briefly became waterfalls. A 30-story high-rise under construction near a popular weekend market collapsed without warning, _____.

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Here in Bangkok, _____ is now _____ through the rubble of that collapsed skyscraper. They do have the _____ for a massive disaster response, but _____ of not finding anyone alive in all that rubble, hope for the families is _____. Search and rescue teams are doing everything they can—_____, _____ capturing the _____ of the collapse—a _____ where _____ continued searching all day Saturday.

Translation

我們今天帶來沉重的新聞。救援人員仍在廢墟中尋找倖存者，這是因為週五一場規模 7.7 的大地震襲擊了緬甸。已有 1,700 人確認罹難，但可能需要數週時間才能全面掌握災情的全貌。隨著救援人員全力搶救，死亡人數仍在持續上升。人們擔心仍有數千人被困在瓦礫堆中，尤其是在緬甸第二大城市——曼德勒。

這是緬甸一百多年來經歷過的最大地震。緬甸是亞洲最貧困的國家之一，過去四年在軍政府的統治下，幾乎與世界隔絕。但現在，全球正加緊腳步提供協助。國際援助已抵達災情最嚴重的地區，但援助組織表示，他們仍面臨嚴重的醫療物資短缺問題。

這場地震的威力強大，影響範圍擴及數百英里外的地區，包括泰國首都曼谷等地。以下是我們記者 Will Ripley 帶來的進一步報導。

在災情慘重的曼德勒市，可以看到許多令人震驚的景象。整個社區受損嚴重——許多房屋與歷史建築全都變成了瓦礫。佛教寺院這些原本象徵和平與沉思的地方，如今也成了瓦礫堆。地質學家表示，這場規模 7.7 的大地震所釋放的能量，相當於數百顆原子彈。這是緬甸百年來最嚴重的一次地震，發生時正值週五祈禱時段，許多清真寺倒塌，穆斯林信徒被困在其中。

經過多年殘酷的內戰與幾乎自我封閉的局勢後，緬甸軍政府的領導人視察災區，罕見地呼籲國際社會提供援助。目前，中國、俄羅斯、印度等國的援助正陸續抵達，其他國家也承諾協助這個貧困的國家。對於這樣一個陷入困境的國家而言，援助真的刻不容緩。

這場規模 7.7 的大地震及其強烈餘震，可能已讓該國部分地區變得不適合居住。距離震央數百英里之外的泰國首都曼谷也受到嚴重損害。高樓劇烈搖晃，屋頂的游泳池甚至短暫變成了「瀑布」。一棟位於熱門週末市集附近、仍在施工中的 30 層高樓毫無預警倒塌，據信有數十人被困其中。

在曼谷，重型機具目前正在努力清理倒塌高樓的瓦礫。他們擁有充足的人力與資源來應對大規模的災害，但隨著時間一分一秒過去，在瓦礫中找不到生還者的情況下，家屬的希望也逐漸破滅。搜救隊正全力以赴，使用嗅探犬尋找可能的生命跡象，並透過無人機空拍畫面掌握倒塌的規模——一片鋼筋與混凝土交錯堆疊的混亂現場，救難人員整個星期六都在不斷搜尋。



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Answers

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This earthquake was so powerful that its effects were seen and felt hundreds of miles away, including in places like Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Our Will Ripley has more for us on this 2) devastating news.

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One of many devastating scenes comes from the 2) crippled city of Mandalay. 3) Damage stretches across entire neighborhoods—homes and historic buildings 8) reduced to rubble. 1) Buddhist monasteries, places of peace and 9) reflection, are now 6) piles of debris. 5) Geologists say the massive 7.7 earthquake had the energy of 3) hundreds of atomic bombs. Myanmar's worst quake in more than a century 10) struck during 4) Friday prayers, and many mosques collapsed, trapping 7) Muslim worshippers inside.

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