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DAMON WINTER — NEW YORK TIMES

Injured patients wait for treatment at the St. Esprit Hospital in central Port-au-Prince on Wednesday, a day after a magnitude 7.0 quake flattened much of the capital.

Rescuers search shattered nation; death toll likely in tens of thousands

By Jonathan M. Katz
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The earthquake spared neither poor nor powerful: the president was homeless, the U.N. mission chief missing, the archbishop dead. Whole neighborhoods were flattened and perhaps tens of thousands of people killed in the latest catastrophe to befall impoverished Haiti.

Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in Port-au-Prince's rubble-strewn streets Wednesday, crying for loved ones, and rescuers searched collapsed buildings for signs of life.

The first cargo planes with food, water, medical supplies, shelter and sniffer dogs headed to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation a day after the magnitude 7.0 earthquake flattened much of the capital of 2 million people.

Hospitals, schools and the main prison collapsed in Tuesday's quake. The capital's Roman Catholic archbishop was killed when his office and the main cathedral fell. The head of the U.N. peace-keeping mission was missing in the ruins of the organization's multistory headquarters.

At a triage center improvised in a hotel parking lot, people with

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» GRAPHIC: Likely damage to buildings in quake zone

» DAY AFTER: Pictures offer a glimpse of the devastation

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Quake survivors seek safety outdoors among devastation and the dead

By Tina Susman
Los Angeles Times

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — As darkness fell on Haiti's capital Wednesday night, crowds gathered in the streets to spend the evening in the relative safety of the outdoors.

Their lives turned upside down by Tuesday's devastating magnitude 7.0 earthquake, many survivors broke out into communal song, seeking to soothe themselves and remain calm in a city with no power, little water, a limited number of inhabitable buildings and scores of bodies strewn along the roadways.

But then, about 6:30 p.m., the songs turned to screams, as a strong aftershock hit. Moments later, the crowds in the street grew larger, as many of those who had remained inside ran from their shaky shelters, away from the walls and ceilings that had caused such destruction a day earlier.

Across Port-au-Prince on Wednesday, the damage seemed nearly random.

Some hillsides of homes look as if they had simply crumbled into the dirt. Other buildings, such as the cheerful-looking Rose Restaurant, appear untouched.

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Toddler's ride with a repo man

Isabel Luevano and her son, Cyrus Lopez, 2, were reunited after Cyrus disappeared when Luevano's car was repossessed. He was asleep in the back seat at the time.

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GOOGLE BREACH

Cyberattacks echo around world

Timing, hackers' sophistication suggest involvement of Chinese government

By Mike Swift, Pete Carey and John Boudreau
Mercury News

A day after Google announced it had been the victim of a major cyberattack emanating from China, suspicion grew that the Chinese government had a role in breaching the com-

pany's intricate defenses.

Security experts pointed to the sophistication of the attack that may have encompassed more than 30 companies, and said it would require the money, expertise and time only a government or other well-funded organization would possess.

A Google spokeswoman said Wednesday that the company has not traced the attacks to

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