



A woman cries Sunday in Natori, Japan, surrounded by wreckage left in the wake of Friday's massive tsunami, which was triggered by an epic offshore 9.0 earthquake.

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DISASTER JAPAN'S GREATEST POSTWAR CRISIS, PRIME MINISTER SAYS

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SENDAI, Japan — Japanese authorities say thousands may have died in the massive earthquake and tsunami that left many survivors stranded or shivering in makeshift evacuation centers that were running low on supplies Monday.

In Miyagi, one the three hardest-hit prefectures, at least 10,000 were killed, police spokesman Go Sugawara told The Associated Press late Sunday. Only 400 people had been confirmed dead in Miyagi, which has a population of 2.3 million.

Elsewhere, about 1,800 people were confirmed dead Sunday — including 200 bodies found along the coast, according to The Associated Press. About 1,900 were injured and more than 1,400 were missing late Sunday.

More than 500,000 people have been forced to evacuate from quake- and tsunami-affected regions, Kyodo News reported.

Televised reports showed hun-



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A mother strokes the head of her daughter, who died in the tsunami, as her husband looks on in Yamamoto, Japan. They found her body in a driving school vehicle Saturday — a day after a giant earthquake and tsunami struck the country's northeastern coast.

dreds of thousands of hungry survivors huddled in darkened emergency centers, cut off from rescuers, aid and electricity. At least 1.4 million households had gone with-

out water since the quake struck and some 1.9 million households were without electricity, Kyodo reported.

"We have no choice but to deal

with the situation on the premise that it (the death toll) will undoubtedly be numbered in the ten

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DLNR head meets with public in Kawaihae

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William Aila Jr., chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, listed his top three priorities for West Hawaii Sunday, foremost of which was repairing damages at state parks, harbors and facilities caused by powerful tsunami surges that have pounded the Kona and South Kohala coastlines.

His other priorities were securing the necessary funding DLNR needs to perform

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Big Island's first civilian air show coming to KOA

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Kona resident Terri Thomas has always been enthralled by aviation. She fondly recalled watching planes land and take off from a small Montana airfield as a child while eating greasy hamburgers with her siblings and father.

At age 28, Thomas managed her first airfield. She remembers how her father was like "a giggling school kid" when he visited her on the job. The pair would bet on the types of planes arriving and Thomas won a few

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Satellite images show the scope of destruction in Ishinomaki, Japan. A 9.0 magnitude earthquake struck Japan on Friday, causing a tsunami that devastated the region.



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DEATH TOLL EXPECTED TO SURGE AS RESCUE CREWS SEARCH THROUGH RUBBLE

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TOKYO — Overwhelmed by a still-growing catastrophe, Japanese authorities Monday struggled to reach buried survivors and the missing, faced roadblocks in delivering aid and raced to contain an expanding nuclear emergency.

A series of unstable nuclear plants across the

Another explosion rocks Fukushima nuclear plant

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country threatened to compound the nation's difficulties, which started with Friday's double-barreled disasters — first a 9.0-magnitude earthquake, then a tsunami.

People here are fright-

ened by what they can't see and shocked by what they are seeing. Entire towns have been swamped, and the hardest-hit areas still don't have what they need, according to those in shelters and those organizing relief efforts. There's not enough food, not enough water and, in many places, no heat. Tens of thousands

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