

# Quake terror

Hong Kong

**Java, Indonesia**  
 27 May, 2006  
 Magnitude 6.3 quake



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On 27 May, an **earthquake** (地震) killed more than 6,000 people and **injured** (受傷) thousands more on the Indonesian island of Java. Indonesia (印尼), the world's largest **archipelago** (群島), suffers from earthquakes due to its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of Yogyakarta **encircling** (環繞) the Pacific Basin.

The **magnitude** (強度) of the quake was 6.2. Houses were flattened and tens of thousands of people had to be **evacuated** (疏散). Electricity and communications were cut off in some parts of Yogyakarta, which bore the brunt of the quake.

Many **survivors** (幸存者) lost their homes and are exposed to heat during the day and chill and rain at night. Hospitals in the **disaster** (災難) zone still lack basic supplies to treat the of injured. The earthquake also left more than 40,000 children homeless.



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## What to do

1. If you are indoors, drop down to the floor. Go under a strong desk or table.
2. If you are outside, get away from buildings and power lines.
3. If you are driving, stop if it is safe, but stay inside your car. Stay away from bridges and tunnels.
4. If you are in a mountainous area, or near slopes or cliffs, be careful of falling rocks and other objects.
5. If you are at the beach, move quickly to higher ground.

