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Corpses pile up outside packed hospital; damage stymies relief

[HAITI-EARTHQUAKE-2ND-LEDE:MI](#)—The dead overwhelmed the General Hospital morgue, and the injured outnumbered doctors and nurses Thursday as rescue workers from across the globe struggled to reach the shattered island and distribute much-needed food, water and medical supplies.

At the morgue, police, civilians and private contractors clearing rubble were forced to leave corpses in piles outside the facility, where survivors searched among the dead for their loved ones.

The Haitian Red Cross estimates the number of deaths at between 45,000 and 50,000, and there appear to be few places to store or bury the bodies.

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Obama pledges \$100 million in aid for Haiti

[HAITI-USAID:TBW](#)—President Barack Obama, signaling “one of the largest relief efforts in history” for victims of the earthquake in Haiti, said Thursday he has ordered an immediate investment of \$100 million in U.S. aid.

“This investment will grow over the coming year,” the president said. He was joined by several Cabinet members and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Obama said he has ordered them to make the disaster in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince the No. 1 priority of all their agencies.

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For Haitians, so many bodies, and so little help

[HAITI-EARTHQUAKE-SCENE:LA](#)—By Thursday, the bodies had begun piling up on the streets. Where on Wednesday there were one or two, by Thursday afternoon there were several, sometimes dozens in a single spot. It became common to see people carrying bodies through the streets, pickup trucks loaded with bodies on their beds, people pushing bodies in wheelbarrows.

Hundreds of bodies lay in the parking lot of the morgue at the General Hospital, waiting for families to identify them and take them away. Few have the financial means to bury them.

So many bodies, and so little help.

With no food, water or medical assistance in sight, a nearly palpable sense of chaos and urgency could be felt throughout Haiti’s capital two days after a magnitude 7.0 earthquake.

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Rescuers experience moment of joy after freeing U.N. worker

[HAITI-EARTHQUAKE-RESCUE:MI](#)—For a moment, there was joy.

Tarmo Joeveer, a U.N. security officer from Miami, walked out of the rubble of the flattened U.N. headquarters just after dawn Thursday and raised a fist in triumph, nearly 40 hours after the earthquake that ravaged Haiti and taxed rescue workers from around the globe.

Assisted by a U.S. Agency for International Development team that labored five hours to free him, a dusty but beaming Joeveer emerged from the wreckage of the six-story building that now rises no higher than a single floor.

Joeveer’s rescue, by the Fairfax County, Va., Urban Search and Research Team, was a moment to hang onto for a team that says the damage here is the worst they have ever seen — and they have been to quakes in Turkey, Taiwan and Iran.

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In Iran, opposition appears to spread into heartland

[IRAN-OPPOSITION:LA](#)—Mohammad knew he had to be careful in approaching his old classmate Hamed, the one from the conservative Iranian family. They come from a small city, after all, and word gets around.

When they ran into each other in their hometown of Birjand last summer, the pair hadn’t seen each other for nine years. As they caught up on old times, the conversation turned to Iran’s disputed election between President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and

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challenger Mir-Hossein Mousavi.

A clever and highly ambitious young man whose dream until seven months ago was to go abroad, get rich and have drinks by a pool in Miami, Mohammad found himself drawn into political activism after the election — and trying to recruit friends and acquaintances to join him.

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