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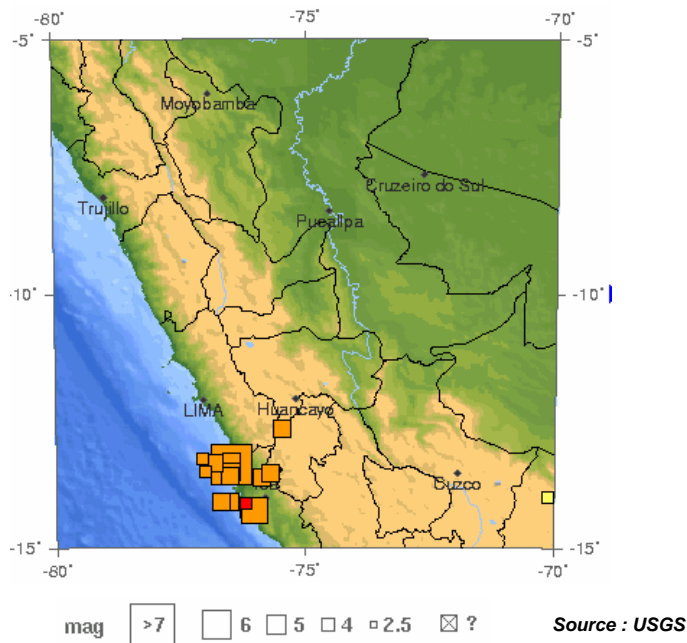
PRESS RELEASE

Earthquake in Peru A TSF Emergency relief team will arrive this afternoon

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Lima and the coastline of Peru were shaken on Wednesday evening by a massive quake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale. Following the release of the last death toll by the National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI), released at 2am (local time), this quake will have caused the deaths of at least 337 people, with hundreds injured.

The Prime Minister, Jorge Del Castillo, has declared that he fears the death toll will increase as the authorities are having difficulty contacting several regions effected by the earthquake.



TSF's European and Latin American bases are on stand-by and have followed this situation from the first hours. Following numerous problems with the matter of telecommunications, TSF is rushing to send a team from the base at Managua. This first team will touch down in Lima this afternoon at 2pm (local time) so that they can be transported as soon as possible to the effected zones.

TSF's Emergency relief team will transport satellite communication equipment (Terminal Inmarsat B/Gan, RB/Gan, GAN M4 and Mini M) as well as computer equipment, so that if the need exists they can set up one or several communication centers to provide internet connections, telephone lines and fax. TSF would also be able to lead operations in humanitarian telephony.

Depending on the progress of the situation in the following hours, TSF is able to send reinforcements from its American and European bases.

More about TSF

Télécoms Sans Frontières: the leading humanitarian NGO specialised in emergency telecommunications.

With its 24-hour monitoring centre and relying on its operational bases in France, Nicaragua and in Thailand, Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF) crews of IT and telecoms specialists can intervene anywhere in the world in less than 24 hours after any sudden onset disaster or conflict and in a matter of minutes set up satellite-based telecom centres offering broadband Internet, phone and fax lines. These centres enable emergency NGO, the United Nations and local authorities to communicate right at the heart of the crisis. They also facilitate the coordination of aid efforts.

In parallel, TSF also runs humanitarian calling operation to offer support and assistance to affected civilians, giving them a link with the outside world from which they would be otherwise completely cut off.

Since its creation in 1998, TSF deployed to nearly 50 countries and assisted more than 350 relief organisations. In 2006, TSF became a partner of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). TSF is First Responder of the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC).

Télécoms Sans Frontières is also a working group member of the United Nations emergency telecoms body (WGET). TSF is a partner of the Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission (ECHO) and a member of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA).

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