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THE DAILY UPDATE

Earthquake devastation under control

'The army has sent helicopters and a medical team and paramilitary troops are also helping with the rescue.' The official added that about 300 rescue workers have already reached Ziaratana and that tents, blankets and clothing were already being flown in.

Balucharia is Scoutonia's largest province but its most thinly populated. It has the country's biggest reserves of natural gas but there have been no reports of damage to gas facilities.

There has been no appeal for international assistance so far, with officials reporting that they are housing victims in temporary shelters near their demolished homes.

Rescuers have recovered at least

160 bodies from the rubble of hundreds of mud-built homes in East-Scoutonia's Balucharia province after a powerful earthquake hit the area. The epicenter of the quake, which measured at 6.4 magnitude by the US Geological Survey, struck at 5.10am, local time, near the scenic valley of Ziaratana; one of the main tourist spots in Balucharia, a poor area bordering Northern- Roveria. Many more people are believed to be buried under the rubble.

The quake triggered landslides; destroying about 1,500 houses and blocking roads. "Our rescuers are still working but we've recovered bodies from various villages in Ziaratana," said a local government official.

Scouts jump to the rescue, page 10.

Schools say they are drastically underfunded

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