

Death toll of Indonesia tsunami surpasses 370



Jakarta, December 24 (RHC)-- At least 370 people have died from the tsunami which struck the Indonesian coastline without warning Saturday night. Hundreds more are injured and more than 120 remain missing.

In the wake of Saturday's disaster, Indonesian President Joko Widodo ordered Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology and Geological Agency (BMKG) to purchase detectors which would provide "early warnings to community."

Eyewitnesses described fleeing for their lives as beachfront homes were swept away in the wave, which is thought to have been caused by underwater landslides following the eruption of the Anak Krakatau volcano.

According to local media, the wave reached as high as three meters.

Indonesia's Ministry of Maritime Affairs confirmed on Monday that the tsunami had been triggered when the Anak Krakatau volcano erupted in the Sunda Strait between the islands of Java and Sumatra, prompting a series of underwater landslides.

On Sunday, foreign minister, Bruno Rodriguez, conveyed to Indonesian people and authorities Cuba's deepest condolences over the loss of lives resulting from the tsunami, and extended sympathies to the relatives and victims.



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