

Indonesia landslides kill 61

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SEMARANG, Indonesia -- An official with Indonesia's disaster management agency said at least 61 people were killed by landslides in Central Java province. The agency said 35 people were found by rescuers using heavy machinery and their bare hands to dig through the rubble in Tawangmangu district at Karanganyar regency, Xinhua, China's official government-run news agency, reported Wednesday. An official at the agency said operatives with the national rescue agency, soldiers, police, students and survivors were involved in search operations. Andi Hartoyo, Madiun district chief of police, said at least 10 people were killed in East Java province when floodwaters collapsed a bridge, the Melbourne Herald Sun reported. "Based on several witnesses, at least 10 people were swept away by strong currents as they were standing on the bridge when it collapsed," he said. "Local officials have been working on collecting data about missing people. We cannot start the search (for bodies or survivors) as the current is very strong now," Hartoyo said.

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