

Twister claims 10 lives in Texas, Mexico

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EAGLE PASS, Texas - A twister ripped through the Texas border town of Eagle Pass and nearby Piedras Negras, Mexico, Wednesday killed 10 people and injured at least 80 others.

The tornado killed seven people near Eagle Pass and three in Piedras Negras, CNN reported. Of those injured, 32 were treated and released, the network said.

The ferocious storm prompted Texas Gov. Rick Perry to head to the region to survey the damage Wednesday afternoon, Maverick County Judge Jose Aranda said.

Eagle Pass City Councilman Ramsey English Cantu said his town has offered to assist its larger sister town across the Rio Grande.

"If we can help them in any way, we will. But we are still focusing our efforts on making sure everybody's out of that area," Cantu said, referring to the damaged area outside Eagle Pass.

Many mobile homes and other buildings were damaged or destroyed. An elementary school "was hit pretty much head-on by this tornado" and sustained serious damage, Aranda said. "There was a wrought-iron fence around the school that was twisted and torn and broken. It was just terrible," he said.

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