



Relatives carry the coffins of three victims of Thursday's landslide in the village of El Cambray II, at the municipal cemetery of Santa Catarina Pinula municipality. (Inset: Sara Miranda (center), cries during the burial of her husband and three sons who were victims of Thursday's landslide. (AFP)

Some relieved to find bodies as dozens still missing in Guatemala landslide

Despair in the search for dozens of people still missing after a deadly landslide swallowed part of a Guatemalan town is so deep that some relatives feel lucky simply to have found the bodies of their loved ones.

Families lit candles on Sunday for relatives engulfed by a mass of earth and rubble that crashed down on a neighborhood in Santa Catarina Pinula. Rescue teams have found more than 130 bodies

and up to 150 others are missing, feared dead.

"I feel lucky because other families can't even cry over their dead," said Alejandro Lopez, a 45-year-old taxi driver, who recovered the bodies of two daughters and a grandson.

"But I would like to find the mother of my daughters," he said inside a small Evangelical church near Santa Catarina Pinula on the southeastern flank of Guatemala City.

Authorities said on Sunday they had recovered 131 bodies in the town so far. A similar number were still unaccounted for on Sunday, they said, sharply revising down a previous estimate as they recalculated the local population.

Sergio Cabanas, an official at disaster agency Conred, said rescuers planned to continue their search on Monday but were highly unlikely to find any more survivors.

Heavy rains sent earth and rock cascading over homes and trapping residents inside on Thursday night. No survivors have been found this weekend despite the efforts of around 1,800 rescue workers sifting through the rubble. In the town's crowded cemetery, families sobbed as they placed wreaths on hastily sealed tombs stacked in walls, where simple inscriptions in cement listed the names of the dead.

Reginaldo Gomez buried his grandson Andres in one of the tombs and asked that a space be set aside nearby for the boy's mother and sister, still missing among the mounds of earth and shattered homes littering the valley floor at Santa Catarina. Along with his wife Angela, Gomez had mourned the 4-year-old boy, garlanded with flowers in a small coffin lined with satin, earlier on Sunday at a modest home in Guatemala City. (RTRS)

Africa

At least 8 dead in Bujumbura: At least eight people died in shootings in Burundi's capital Bujumbura overnight, an administrator said, and explosions rang out in several districts, the latest in a series of attacks to hit the city since a disputed presidential election.

Local residents told Reuters the police were behind the killings and had been accompanied by unarmed members of the ruling CNDD-FDD party's youth wing — Imbonerakure — who stole items such as mobile phones from houses.

Residents also said most of the dead were civilians and that some had been found with their hands tied behind their backs.

Deputy Police Spokesman **Pierre Nkurikiye** denied that officers had been involved in the killings and said those responsible were criminals whom the police were pursuing. (RTRS)



Pierre

Dozens hurt in Guinea: Dozens of people were hurt during fighting over the weekend between rival political groups, before a presidential election scheduled for Oct 11, local authorities said on Monday.

Supporters of different parties clashed on Friday and Saturday in the city of Nzerekore in Guinea's Forest Region during a visit by President Alpha Conde. Residents say calm was restored by a series of arrests and the imposition of a curfew.

"The situation is very, very serious. We have 29 people with gunshot injuries," Aboubacar Mbopp Camara, prefect for Nzerekore, told reporters.

Medical charity Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) said on its Twitter feed on Monday that around 80 people were admitted to its local hospital. They suffered a range of injuries from bullets, stones and batons, it said. (RTRS)

2 opposition barred from flying: The head of a Sudanese opposition party says authorities barred two leading opposition figures from leaving the country and confiscated their passports.

Abdul Gayom Badur, Secretary-General of the Sudanese Congress party, says security blocked party chairman Ibrahim Shaikh from boarding a flight to Cairo Saturday night from Khartoum Airport. Separately, he says Sidiq Yusuf, a high-level member of the same party, was blocked from boarding another flight to Cairo. (AP)

Lat/Am

Teams locate ship debris: Search-and-rescue teams on Sunday located debris appearing to belong to the cargo ship El Faro, which went missing in the eye of Hurricane Joaquin with 33 mostly American crew members aboard more than three days ago, the U.S. Coast Guard and the ship's owner said.

There was no sighting of the El Faro or any lifeboats, Tim Nolan, president of ship's owner Tote Maritime Puerto Rico, said in a statement.

With no word on the fate of the crew, relatives gathered at a seafarers' union hall in Jacksonville, Florida where an emotional meeting was held late on Sunday afternoon with the Coast Guard and Tote Maritime executives.

"This is my baby, this is my little girl," sobbed Mary Shevory Wright, an elderly woman waiting for word about her daughter, Mariette Wright, 51, a deckhand who had been at sea since the age of 18.

Fearing the worst Shevory Wright said she was reluctant to enter the union hall. "They are just going to make me cry."

Another woman sat by the curb outside the union hall sobbing as family members hugged each other and held hands nearby.

Barry Young, the uncle of another crew member, said the families still held out hope and the Coast Guard and Tote Maritime had assured them the search would continue on Monday. "This is one that will require a miracle," he conceded.

The families said they were told by the company the ship had two life boats each with a capacity for 43 people.

Late on Sunday the Coast Guard tweeted that the debris field covered 225 square miles, and included styrofoam, wood, cargo and other items.

Life jackets, containers and an oil sheen were spotted by Coast Guard aircrews flying over the Bahamas on the third day of their search for the container ship. (RTRS)

'Remove judge': Brazil's attorney general argued on Sunday for the removal of a judge overseeing an investigation of embattled President **Dilma Rousseff's** accounts, a last-minute attempt to avoid a ruling that could lead to her impeachment.

Attorney General **Luis Inacio Adams** said Judge Augusto Nardes of the Federal Accounts Court, or TCU, had erred in making his position on the government's delayed repayments to state-run banks public ahead of Wednesday's expected vote.

Adams said he planned to present the argument for Nardes' suspension to the TCU on Monday. A decision on Nardes before Wednesday's vote will likely prove difficult.



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