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Government expresses solidarity with Italy

On behalf of the people of Timor-Leste, the Government extends its condolences to the families and friends of those killed as a result of the earthquake occurring in the mountainous central area of Italy on Wednesday. The Government expresses its solidarity with the Government and people of Italy as they deal with the aftermath of this tragic event.

The earthquake has resulted in a distressing loss of life and thousands of rescuers are continuing to search for survivors. Historic towns in the regions of Lazio and Marche were flattened by the quake.

The Government of Timor-Leste conveys its support to Prime Minister Matteo Renzi in this difficult time and commends the work of the authorities in their work of search and rescue.

Spokesperson for the Sixth Constitutional Government, Minister of State Agio Pereira noted "We are mindful of the people of Italy at this time. Our hearts go out to families who have lost loved ones and we salute those who continue to valiantly search for survivors. Timor-Leste stands in solidarity with Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and the Government and people of Italy in these most difficult of days and in the challenges that lie in the weeks and months ahead." **ENDS**



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