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**Government expresses its solidarity with Indonesia**

On behalf of the people of Timor-Leste, the Government sends its condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the earthquake that culminated in a tsunami in Palu on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi on Friday 28 September. The Government also expresses its solidarity with the Government and people of Indonesia, who are facing the effects of this catastrophe.

The Palu region is the closest and most affected by the earthquake, with a magnitude of 7.5 on the Richter scale, and by the tsunami triggered by this strong earthquake.

The region was partially devastated by the earthquake and tsunami that followed, affecting hundreds of thousands of people and causing a great number of casualties, wounded and missing. Rescue teams are still searching for survivors.

The Government of Timor-Leste commends the efforts of the authorities in search and rescue actions in conditions of extreme difficulty. **END**



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