

# Indian Ocean Tsunami

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**More than 260 thousand victims died from a tsunami in december 2004 in South Asia.**

On december 26, 2004, 07:58 AM in local time, a undersea earthquake with a magnitude of 9.1 struck off the coast of the next seven hours, a tsunami, triggered by the quake reached out across the Indian Ocean, devastating coastal areas as far away as East Africa. Some locations reported that the waves had reached a height of 30 feet (9 meters) or more when they hit the shoreline.

"Many people in Southeast Asia, especially in Thailand, believe, or would like to believe, that it will never happen again," Jankaew said.



"This will be a big step towards mitigating the losses from the future tsunami events."

"A region's tsunami history can serve as a long-term warning system." Atwater said.

"This reseatch demonstrates that tsunami geology, both recent and

past tsunamis. can help extend the tsunami catalogues far beyond historical records."

In days following the tsunami, significant effort was spent in burying bodies hurriedly public health risks may have been exaggerated, and therefore this may

not have been the best way to allocate resources. The World Food Programme provided food aid to more than 1.3 million people affected by the tsunami.

In August 2006, fifteen local aid staff working on post-tsunami rebuilding were found executed in northeast Sri Lanka after heavy fighting, the main umbrella body for aid agencies in the country said.

Since 1900, the only earthquakes recorded with the greater magnitude were the 1960 Great Chilean earthquake (magnitude 9.5) and the 1964 Good Friday earthquake in Prince William Sound (magnitude 9.2).

## Massachussets allows Gay marriage

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On May 17, same-sex marriages were legalized in Massachussets after the state supreme Court ruled in November 2003 that banning homosexuals and lesbians from marrying violated the state constitution. Then there was a strong reaction throughout the country, with conservatives who promised to undo the work of the "activist judges". Little support for a proposed federal constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage were approved in the November elections. Most states already had marriage Defense laws. San Francisco and New Paltz NY also performed same-sex marriages for a short time, but then canceled.

## First bullet Train in Tokyo

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The Shinkansen was inaugurated in 1964 for the tokyo olympics, becoming the first high-speed train in history.

It is a symbol of the rebirth of Japan after second word was.

This train was capable of runnings train was capable of runnings at 210 Km/h.

The train works through and electrodynamic suspension system



## Iraq invasion

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The United States of America in Mar 20,2003-may 1,2003 has invaded Iraq. The reason was to kill the president Saddam Hussein because he invaded Kuwait and made a war with Iran for 8 years. The mission was to kill him (To bring peace to the Middle East ) but the real reason it was to steal natural resources ( Petroli, Gold , Gas, etc.. ).It was a big joke that USA made it to enter Iraq and the middel east. Saddam knew it was coming. His close friends abandoned him. His army disintegrated. American established a no-fly zone. He was despised by most of the Arab countries and Shia Iran / Syria hated his guts. He did not even tell his family when he went into hiding.

The 2003 invasion of Iraq was the first stage of the Iraq War. The invasion pashe began on 20 March 2003 and lasted hust over one month, including 21 days of major combat operations, in which a combined force of troops from the United States, the United Kingdom, Australiaand poland invaded Iraq.When Şaddām refused to leave Iraq, U.S.A and allied forces launched an attack on the morning of

March 20; it began when U.S. aircraft dropped several precision-guided bombs on a bunker complex in which the Iraqi president was believed to be meeting with senior staff. This was followed by a series of air strikes directed against government and military installations but they didn't kill

Saddam Hussein was captured by American forces after being found hiding in a hole in the ground near a farmhouse in ad-Dawr, near Tikrit. Following his capture, Saddam was transported to a U.S. base near Tikrit, and later taken to the American base near Baghdad.

