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Eartquake in West Sumatra

On 30 September 2009, a strong earthquake occurred in West Sumatra province. The epicentre of the quake, which had an estimated magnitude of 7.6 RS, was about 50 km (75 miles) south-west of the city of Padang. The initial quake was then followed by the second 6.7 RS quake.

According to official figures released by West Sumatra's Disaster Management Agency the death toll in the earthquake in Padang, Indonesia has risen to 551 and 785 people were seriously injured while those with non-life threatening injuires exceeded 3,400 people as of 4 October 2009. Hundreds more are believed to be trapped in collapsed buildings in the west Sumatran city and mudslides that swept through entire villages in its outskirts.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has taken measures to relief the victims and injured people. Indonesian authorities also announced that rescue workers from several countries such as Australia, Singapore, South Korea, UK are in Padang and other remote areas in West Sumatra to help the victims. Swift reaction team from National Board of Disaster Management (BNPB) and medical team from Health Ministry and MER-C also flew on the two Hercules planes. The team also bring along thousands of tent and blankets, medicine, and logistic aids for the victims. Numerous private organizations like Red Cross, Mercy Corps, Muslim Aid, World Vision and Feed the Children are involved in the relief efforts.

To accommodate financial aid channeled to victims of earthquake in West Sumatera and its surroundings from donors, both domestic and foreign, the Indonesian government opens four bank accounts in **Bank Indonesia** (Indonesia's central bank) for donation made in different currencies.

The said accounts are

1. Account number: **519.000124** – Account name: **Menteri Keuangan untuk Penerimaan Bantuan Bencana Alam Sumatera dalam Valuta Rupiah**
(for donation made in Rupiah)
2. Account number: **609.022411** – Account name: **Menteri Keuangan untuk Penerimaan**

bantuan Bencana Alam Sumatera dalam Valuta USD

(for donation made in US Dollar)

3. Account number: **609.000991** – Account name: **Menteri Keuangan untuk Penerimaan Bantuan Bencana Alam Sumatera dalam Valuta EUR**

(for donation made in Euro)

4. Account number: **609.007111** – Account name: **Menteri Keuangan untuk Penerimaan Bantuan Bencana Alam Sumatera dalam Valuta JPY**

(for donation made in Yen)

For donation in currencies other than Rupiah (IDR), Dollar AS (USD), Euro (EUR) or Yen (JPY) is to be transferred to account number: **519.000124**, under account name: **Menteri Keuangan untuk Penerimaan Bantuan Bencana Alam Sumatera dalam Valuta Rupiah.**

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