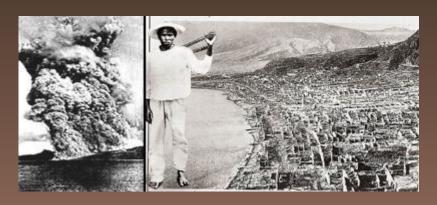
# Top 10 destructive natural disasters of the 20 th century



# 10. Eruption of Mont - Pele in 1902

May 8, 1902 the volcano Mont - Pele, peacefully dozing for the past dozen years, suddenly exploded. Eruption of this disaster can not be called simply: lava flows and pieces of rock literally destroyed the main port of Martinique, Saint - Pierre . Just a few minutes killed as many as 36,000 people.







#### 9. Fire in the Kursha-2 - February 1936

Summer 1936 was a dry, windy and very hot. In central Russia, temperatures reached 37-38 degrees, seven temperature records were recorded. However, three months there was no rain. The Ryazan region started forest fires, but no one could assess the extent of their danger. As a result of the tragedy a few hours 1,200 people have died in the fire







#### 8. Avalanche Huascaran 1970

■ The earthquake off the coast of Peru destabilized the northern slope of the majestic two-humped Mount Huascaran . An avalanche of ice and rocks rushed down at a speed of 370 kilometers per hour . Located at the spur of Huascaran town Jung met for 80 million cubic meters of mud, ice and snow . Of the 25 000 inhabitants of the village did not survive one .





#### 7. Storm in Iran in 1972

 Terrible snow storm lasted for a whole week: Iran's rural areas were completely covered with a three-meter layer of snow.
Subsequently, the authorities have counted as many as 4,000 victims.





## 6. 1948 Ashgabat earthquake

■ The earthquake , which occurred on the night of 5 to 6 October 1948 at 1:14 local time in Ashgabat ( Turkmenistan SSR , Soviet Union ) . The strength of the tremors reached 10 on the Richter scale . Even in Moscow recorded upheaval zemli.Po various estimates, have died from 60 to 110 thousand people - more than half of Ashhabada.Lish in 2010, the President of Turkmenistan said that the earthquake in 1948 claimed the lives of 176,000 people. Since 1995, on October 6 in the country it is the Day of Remembrance .





## 5. The Great Kanto Earthquake

The official death toll - 174 000, 542 000 more are unaccounted for, more than a million homeless. The total number of victims amounted to about 4 million. On the scale of destruction and the number of victims the earthquake is the most destructive of the entire history of Japan (but not the most powerful - so the earthquake in 2011 a more powerful, but caused less scale effects).





#### 4. Earthquake in Gansu

The earthquake occurred on December 16, 1920 in Haiyuan County, China, which at that time was part of the province Gansu.Po to various estimates, the total number of victims of the earthquake ranged from 200 000 to 240 000 people. At the same time , about 20 000 people have died from the cold after lost their homes.





### 3. Cyclone Bhola in 1970

■ This tropical cyclone is recognized as one of the most devastating natural disasters of the modern world. Storm tide that hit the islands of the Ganges Delta, claimed the lives of half a million people. Once again, think about this number: 500 000 people were killed in just one day.





#### 2. Tanshanskoe earthquake 1976

■ Tangshan earthquake whose performance is the second in history after the terrible events in 1556 in Shaanxi, which killed more than 830,000 people, and the destruction was covered by 212 Chinese provinces.







#### 1. Tornadoes in Daulatpure 1989

■ Tornado Daulatpur - Salturiya considered the most deadly tornadoes and devastating for the entire recorded history of mankind. Because of the disaster April 26, 1989 killed about 1,300 people in a matter of minutes.



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