

# Top 10 destructive natural disasters of the 20 th century



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# 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 Huascarán 1970

- The earthquake off the coast of Peru destabilized the northern slope of the majestic two-humped Mount Huascarán . An avalanche of ice and rocks rushed down at a speed of 370 kilometers per hour . Located at the spur of Huascarán 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.



Thank you for attention!!!

