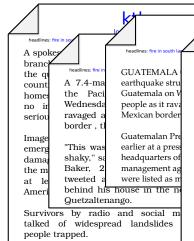
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Guatemala City, Nov 7 (EFE) The death toll in the magnitude-7.4 earthquake that struck Guatemala on Wednesday rose to 29 and local authorities said that it could go higher.

El Salvador 's Civil Protection agency said officials were evacuating some coastal communities as a precautionary measure .

President Otto Perez Molina told a news conference that he has been informed that the death toll stands at 39 people .

He asked that civilians in the country of 14 million stay put and not travel on highways because of the collapse highways and debris.