



Italy hit by further earthquakes and avalanche

Crawford & Company[®]'s Milan and Rome offices are on alert following a string of earthquakes in central Italy.

According to reports, an earthquake-triggered avalanche buried a hotel at a ski resort in central Italy, leaving up to 30 hotel guests and workers either missing or dead, rescue workers said early Thursday.

Authorities spent the night battling impossible weather conditions trying to reach the Hotel Rigopiano in the town of Farindola, on the Gran Sasso mountain in the central Abruzzo region.

The incident happened on the night following a string of other tremors that same day.

Between 11.14 and 14.33 (local time) six earthquakes hit the central Italian province of Rieti, the first measuring 5.7 in the Richter scale and five more less severe tremors located around the town of Amatrice. With Italy's Protezione Civile on high alert following August's devastating earthquake in Norcia, Rome's underground network was evacuated and closed for several hours on Wednesday as a precautionary measure.

Paul Ogni, Country Manager for Crawford[®]Italy, said: "We send our deepest condolences to those who have tragically lost their lives in Farindola. These incidents are a frightening reminder of the continuing threat that earthquakes pose to large parts of Italy. Crawford continues to support customers following the devastating 'quakes of last August and encourages clients to contact our Rome or Milan offices with any enquiries relating to property they believe may have been affected in these recent events."

If you have claims that require our attention or need more information on this event, please contact any of the Crawford[®] team members listed.

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