

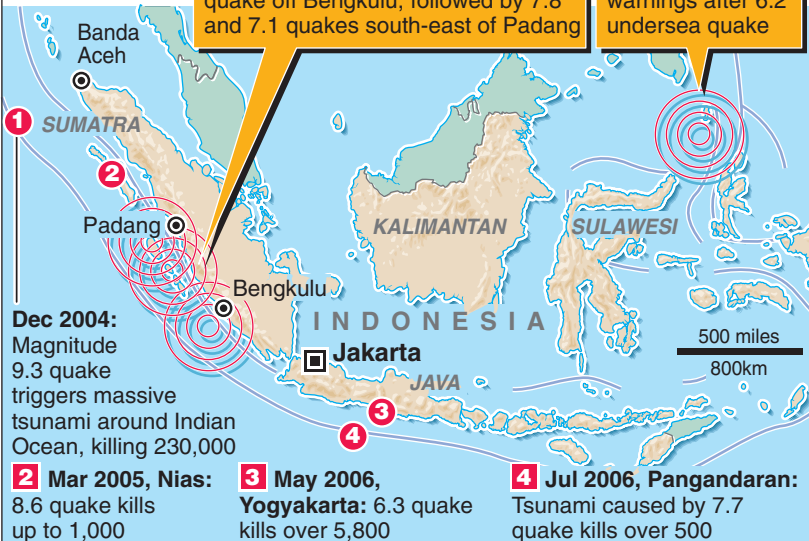
# Powerful quakes strike Indonesia

The magnitude 8.4 earthquake that struck Sumatra, Indonesia, on Wednesday was the largest of four magnitude 8 quakes that have occurred worldwide in 2007. On average, the Earth produces about one magnitude 8 or larger – and about 15-20 magnitude 7 – quakes per year

*Tectonic  
boundaries*

**Sep 12-13:** Magnitude 8.4 undersea quake off Bengkulu, followed by 7.8 and 7.1 quakes south-east of Padang

**Sep 13:** Tsunami warnings after 6.2 undersea quake



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