

Asia – natural disasters

Cyclone Nargis and the Chinese earthquake are among the most deadly natural disasters to affect Asia over the past 40 years



■ **May 2008:** A 7.9-magnitude quake hits Sichuan province in central China killing tens of thousands of people

■ **May 2008:** Cyclone Nargis strikes Myanmar, killing more than 32,000 and leaving at least 30,000 missing

■ **Oct 2005:** Northern Pakistan earthquake kills about 78,000 people

■ **Dec 2004:** Indian Ocean tsunami – triggered by magnitude 9.0 quake – kills 230,000 in a dozen countries

■ **Apr 1991:** Bangladesh cyclone leaves 140,000 people dead

■ **Jul 1976:** Northeastern China 8.2-magnitude quake kills 255,000

■ **Nov 1970:** World's deadliest cyclone kills 300,000 in Bangladesh