

Taiwan bridge collapses onto fishing boats

A steel arch bridge over a bay in north-eastern Taiwan has collapsed, crashing onto fishing boats berthed in the harbour below

50km
30 miles

Taipei

Yilan
County

TAIWAN

Tainan City

Kaohsiung
City

Nanfangao Bridge, Suao



COLLAPSE SEQUENCE

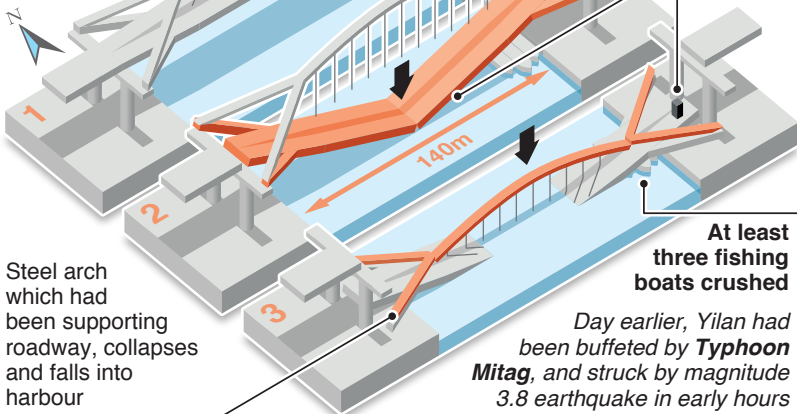
Oct 1, 9:30am local time

(GMT+8hrs): Fuel

truck drives over

Nanfangao

Bridge



Steel arch
which had
been supporting
roadway, collapses
and falls into
harbour

Fishing
boats

As truck
nears end of
bridge, span
breaks in two

Truck
falls

At least
three fishing
boats crushed

Day earlier, Yilan had
been buffeted by **Typhoon**
Mitag, and struck by magnitude
3.8 earthquake in early hours