



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## LEGISLATION TO ENSURE SAFETY OF CABLE CAR SYSTEMS

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO CONTROL THE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS AS WELL AS THEIR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

THE LEGISLATION IS CONTAINED IN THE AERIAL ROPEWAYS (SAFETY) BILL 1976 WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE AND WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE PUT BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

AN AERIAL ROPEWAY IS DEFINED AS ANY APPARATUS FOR THE OVERHEAD TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN CARRIERS RUNNING ALONG OR DRAWN BY OVERHEAD CABLES SUPPORTED BY TOWERS, PYLONS OR OTHER SIMILAR STRUCTURES. ALSO COVERED ARE ANY MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT OR PLANT USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPARATUS.

UNDER THE BILL, PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AERIAL ROPEWAY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR APPROVAL AND NO AERIAL ROPEWAY MAY COMMENCE OPERATION WITHOUT HIS AUTHORITY.

ONE OF THE CLAUSES IN THE BILL PROHIBITS THE PASSAGE OF AN AERIAL ROPEWAY OVER ANY BUILDING WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR AND ANOTHER MAKES THE PERSON INSTALLING AN AERIAL ROPEWAY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK DOES NOT CAUSE UNDUE OBSTRUCTION OF ANY ROAD, SHIPPING CHANNEL OR RAILWAY OR CAUSE ANY HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION.

OTHER CLAUSES IN THE BILL DEAL WITH ASPECTS RELATED TO REPAIRS OR ALTERATIONS= PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES FOR THE CONTROL AND SAFETY OF PEOPLE USING THE ROPEWAY= THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR TO ORDER THE CLOSURE OF AN AERIAL ROPEWAY IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY= AND THE KEEPING OF RECORDS.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IS ALSO EMPOWERED TO PUBLISH A CODE OF PRACTICE GOVERNING THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS.

CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE LEGISLATION WILL APPLY TO ANY AERIAL ROPEWAY IN EXISTENCE WHEN THE BILL IS ENACTED.

COMMENTING ON THE LEGISLATION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AERIAL ROPEWAYS (SAFETY) BILL 1976 HAS BEEN DRAWN UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ORGANIZZAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE DEI TRASPORTI A FUNE (OITAF), WHICH IS THE INTERNATIONAL BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF CABLE CAR SYSTEMS DESIGNED FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

+IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DETAILED PROVISIONS OF THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF DESIGN AND OPERATION SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN REGULATIONS AND IN A CODE OF PRACTICE PRESCRIBED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

+AMENDMENTS TO THIS CODE WILL BE MADE BY THE DIRECTOR ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF OITAF, OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON WHICH HE CONSIDERS TO REQUIRE SUCH AMENDMENTS FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS IN HONG KONG+, HE SAID.

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GENERAL INDUSTRIAL LAND IN NEW TOWNS IN DEMAND

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IN FUTURE, THE BULK OF GENERAL INDUSTRIAL LAND IN KWAI CHUNG AND TUEN MUN WILL BE DISPOSED OF THROUGH TENDER TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS, KNOWN AS LETTERS "A" AND "B", WITH PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO THOSE HOLDING THE OLDEST LETTERS.

SO MANY APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR GENERAL INDUSTRIAL LAND IN THESE TWO NEW TOWNS THAT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD TO CANCEL ALL TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS OR OFFERS MADE IN RESPECT OF SUCH APPLICATIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT FOR THE N.T.A., MR. DAVID WILKINSON, COMMENTED : +THIS ACTION HAS HAD TO BE TAKEN BECAUSE THE AMOUNT OF LAND WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL IN KWAI CHUNG AND TUEN MUN IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE VARIOUS APPLICANTS.+

A LETTER NOTIFYING APPLICANTS OF THIS DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT OUT.

MR. WILKINSON SAID SITES TO BE DISPOSED OF BY TENDER WOULD BE ADVERTISED IN THE PRESS AND ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

+THIS IS IN ORDER THAT ALL PREVIOUS APPLICANTS FOR EXCHANGES TOGETHER WITH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TENDERING FOR THIS TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND,+ HE SAID.

THE LAND BEING SOUGHT BY DEVELOPERS IS FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

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PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL STARTS ADMITTING CASUALTIES  
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THE HEAVY PRESSURE ON QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL'S CASUALTY DEPARTMENT WILL BE GREATLY RELIEVED WHEN THE NEW PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL BEGINS ITS CASUALTY SERVICE NEXT MONDAY (MARCH 29).

INITIALLY, THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL WILL OPERATE DURING DAYTIME ONLY -- FROM 9 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M. IT WILL GO INTO 24-HOUR SERVICE WHEN THE HOSPITAL IS FULLY OPERATIONAL LATER THIS YEAR.

IT IS INTENDED THAT EMERGENCY CASES FROM NORTHWEST KOWLOON AND THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TAKEN TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, THUS LESSENING THE CASE LOAD ON Q.E.H.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT, THE FIRST STAGE OF THE HOSPITAL'S PHASED OPENING PROGRAMME HAD BEEN COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE.

THE HOSPITAL HAS A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 1,300 BEDS, OF WHICH SOME 900 BEDS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO USE SINCE IT WAS OPENED ON OCTOBER 20, 1975.

CASUALTY CASES SEEN AT THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL ROSE DRAMATICALLY FROM 112,500 IN 1964 TO 242,478 IN 1975. THE ATTENDANCE LAST YEAR REPRESENTED AN AVERAGE OF 700 A DAY, OR ONE PATIENT EVERY TWO MINUTES.

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PAY YOUR TAXES BY POST  
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO PAY THEIR TAXES BY POST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE SETTling THEIR TAX BILLS.

+BY PAYING THROUGH THE POST, YOU CAN SAVE A TRIP TO ONE OF THE COLLECTION OFFICES AND AVOID THE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUING UP THERE+ HE SAID.

LAST YEAR ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE MADE USE OF THE POST TO PAY THEIR TAXES AND MANY MORE ARE DOING SO THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THERE IS NO SURCHARGE IF THE PAYMENTS ARE RECEIVED LATE SO LONG AS THE ENVELOPE IS POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN THE DUE DATE SHOWN IN THE DEMAND NOTE.

+CHEQUES MUST BE SENT WITH THE DEMAND NOTES, WHICH WILL BE RECEIPTED AND POSTED BACK TO THE TAXPAYER WITHIN A FEW DAYS.+ REMINDERS WOULD NOT BE ISSUED, HE ADDED.

CROSSED CHEQUES SHOULD BE SENT TO :-

+COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE,  
CENTRAL MAIL OFFICE,  
CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING,  
GROUND FLOOR,  
HONG KONG.+

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AMENDED ZONING PLAN FOR WANG TAU HOM  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS PUBLISHED AN AMENDED OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR THE WANG TAU HOM AND TUNG TAU AREAS.

THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS PLAN.

FIRSTLY, THE UPHOLDING OF A NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN REQUIRES AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE.

SECONDLY, THERE IS A NEED TO INCLUDE A NEW FORM OF NOTES ON THE PLAN WHICH ALLOWS, IN CERTAIN SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO DEPART FROM SOME OF THE ZONING PROPOSALS SHOWN ON THE PLAN.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO STAGE MOBILE EXHIBITION  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE EXHIBITION UNIT WILL MOVE INTO KWAI FONG ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG, TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO BRING CAREERS INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS THERE.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR PARENTS IN THE ESTATE, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF OVER 34,000, ARE URGED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE TWO-DAY EXHIBITION.

MRS. ANGELA HO, LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, WHICH ORGANISED THE EXHIBITION, SAID: +IT IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF CAREERS EXHIBITIONS ON WHEELS PLANNED FOR RESIDENTS OF POPULOUS HOUSING ESTATES.+

SHE WENT ON: +THESE EXHIBITIONS WILL PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GOVERNMENT, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS- DETAILS OF THE WORK INVOLVED, THE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY, PAY AND FUTURE PROSPECTS. THEY WILL ALSO SPOTLIGHT APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEMES.+

ON SHOW AT THE EXHIBITION WILL BE A DISPLAY OF CAREERS LITERATURE, PHOTOGRAPHS, CHARTS AND CARTOONS. IN ADDITION, FILMS ON VARIOUS CAREERS WILL BE SHOWN.

STAFF OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM VISITORS.

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CAREERS SEMINAR FOR SENIOR STUDENTS  
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INFORMATION ON CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES IN VARIOUS FIELDS WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH TALKS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND FILM SHOWS TO SENIOR FORM STUDENTS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS AT A ONE-DAY CAREERS SEMINAR ON TUESDAY (MARCH 30).

THE SEMINAR AT ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APART FROM ORGANISING SEMINARS ON A REGIONAL BASIS, THE YEAS PROVIDED CAREERS GUIDANCE IN OTHER FORMS RANGING FROM PAMPHLETS AND NEWSLETTERS TO EXHIBITIONS.

IN THE FORTHCOMING SEMINAR, FOUR CAREERS TALKS COVERING INSURANCE, TELEVISION BROADCASTING, DATA PROCESSING AND THE CIVIL SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PANEL DISCUSSION ON CAREERS IN THE TOURIST INDUSTRY AND A FILM ON +CHOOSING A CAREER+ WILL BE SHOWN.

MR. Y.F. HUI, DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, WILL OPEN THE SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL RUN FROM 10 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON CASTLE PEAK RANGE BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 5 P.M. ON APRIL 1 AND 2 (THURSDAY AND FRIDAY).

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

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SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT EXHIBITION

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SOME 60 TEACHERS AND TEN HEADS OF SCHOOLS WILL BE PRESENT AT THE OPENING OF A TWO-DAY SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT EXHIBITION AT ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE IN STANLEY ON MONDAY MORNING.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MR. ALEC REEVE, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE EXHIBITION - ORGANISED BY ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS OF SOCIAL STUDIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND TO LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER BY SHARING EXPERIENCES.

ST. STEPHEN'S IS ONE OF THE 15 MONITORED SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES ON A TRIAL BASIS.

THE THEME OF THE EXHIBITION IS +KNOWING YOURSELF AND YOUR ENVIRONMENT+ - A MAJOR AREA OF STUDY IN THE FORM 1 PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES.

THE EXHIBITION, MOUNTED BY FORM 1 PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL, WILL INCLUDE MODELS, CHARTS, PICTURES AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, ANOTHER GROUP OF ABOUT 60 TEACHERS WILL VISIT THE EXHIBITION.

PUPILS IN NEIGHBOURING SCHOOLS IN STANLEY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SEE THE EXHIBITION ON TUESDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO SEE THE EXHIBITION FROM 12 NOON ON MONDAY UNTIL 5 P.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY COVERED ON MONDAY AT 10.30 A.M. AT ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

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TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

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YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN THE ONE YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE COMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TEACHING IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ON THIS COURSE AT THE MINIMUM OF \$1,070 A MONTH UP TO THE MAXIMUM OF \$1,640 A MONTH, CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED A TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME DIPLOMA COURSE AT THE POLYTECHNIC, A TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES :- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, TEXTILES, CLOTHING, BUILDING, MARINE ENGINEERING, HOTEL AND CATERING, INSTITUTIONAL HOUSEKEEPING.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY APRIL 10.

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INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, THIS AFTERNOON PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE FIRST DIVISION WINNERS OF THE ATHLETICS COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

MR. TOPLEY WATCHED SOME OF THE EVENTS AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR. TOPLEY SAID THAT THIS YEAR 330 TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPARED WITH 47 TEAMS IN 1951.

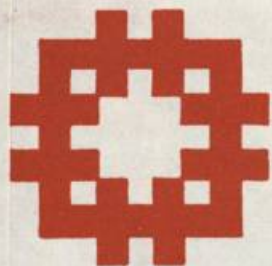
THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH WAS CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY, COULD LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE ON ITS EXPANSION DURING THIS PERIOD.

MR. TOPLEY SAID THAT +THIS EXPANSION IS REFLECTED IN ALL SPORTS - NOT JUST IN ATHLETICS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT A TOTAL OF 25,000 STUDENTS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES EACH YEAR.

+STANDARDS HAVE IMPROVED TO THE EXTENT THAT HONG KONG SCHOOLS' TEAMS CAN NOW COMPETE OVERSEAS, AND HOLD THEIR OWN WITH OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES.+

MR. TOPLEY PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL WHO HAD HELPED THE ASSOCIATION IN THE PAST AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WERE HELPING NOW.

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DISASTER IMPOSTORS WARNED

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The Housing Department today issued a strong warning against impostors at the scenes of natural disasters. Mr. R.R.L. Pogue, Assistant Director (Clearance), said that in future the department would do everything possible to prosecute offenders.

The warning follows a case on Wednesday at Tsuen Wan Court when a 34-year-old factory worker was fined \$1,000 or two months' imprisonment for making a false statement after the Aldrich Bay squatter fire on February 1.

At the court, Lai Kam-tin admitted making a false declaration stating that he and his family were not included on any housing tenancy.

The court was told that a check of Housing Department records showed that the defendant, his wife, child and 69-year-old mother had been living at Kwai Chung Estate since 1964.

The magistrate, Mr. F.W. Blackwell, described the incident as "scandalous" and a despicable act, and said Lai had tried to make capital out of a disaster.

Earlier this month the same court imposed a fine of \$750 on a 54-year-old man who admitted making a false statement concerning public housing following a fire at Luk Yuen Tsuen, Tuen Mun.

Mr. Pogue said today that he was pleased to see the courts taking a serious view of these matters. He said that impostors at disaster scenes made relief work more difficult and could prevent aid and housing assistance reaching the genuinely needy.

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