
Scientists warn - gigantic tsunami is coming!

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The earthquake, which can cause a huge tsunami wave, comparable to that of 2004 can visit the Indonesian island of Sumatra and Padang city located in the danger zone, announced - gives agency AFP.

A group of scientists, which with high accuracy provided by the quake in Sumatra in 2005 published its further warning in "Nature Geoscience". The threat is generated by the continuing tensions in the past two centuries in a ditch, Javanese, one of the most active seismic zones in the world. Fault extends parallel to the west coast of Sumatra. Particularly vulnerable is the segment in the Mentawai islands around - scientists warn. "The threat earthquake over 8.5 on the Richter scale, which could trigger a wave of the tsunami, it is very serious. Potentially life can lose a comparable number of people because of what the 2004 tsunami in the Indian Ocean" - written by specialists. Did not shake when the earthquake may occur, but warned that it would certainly be affected residents of Padang, a city of about 850 000 inhabitants. "The threat of the earthquake is uncontested and there is an urgent need to take actions to reduce the effects of the quake - the scientists write. In 2004, the underwater earthquake of magnitude 9 on the Richter scale triggered a powerful tsunami, which struck within three hours of the coast of several countries of Southeast Asia, and later Africa. Up to 15 m waves devastated coastal villages and towns, as well as swimming pools frequented by foreign tourists.