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Afghan men search for their belongings in the rubble of a collapsed house Sept. 1 after a deadly magnitude 6 earthquake in Dara Mazar, Kunar province, Afghanistan. REUTERS

# QUAKE IN AFGHANISTAN KILLS AT LEAST 800

Rough terrain makes rescue effort difficult

Mohammad Yunus Yawar and Charlotte Greenfield  
REUTERS

KABUL, Afghanistan – One of Afghanistan’s worst earthquakes killed more than 800 people and injured at least 2,800, authorities said Sept. 1, as rescuers struggled to reach remote areas due to rough mountainous terrain and inclement weather.

The disaster will further stretch the resources of the war-torn nation’s Taliban administration, already grappling with crises ranging from a sharp drop in foreign aid to deportations of hundreds of thousands of Afghans by neighboring countries.

Sharafat Zaman, spokesperson for the health ministry in Kabul, called for international aid to tackle the devastation wrought by the magnitude 6 quake that struck around midnight local time, at a depth of 6 miles.

“We need it because here lots of people lost their lives and houses,” he told Reuters.

The quake killed 812 people in the eastern provinces of Kunar and Nangarhar, administration spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said.



Medical workers and Taliban security personnel carry stretchers for evacuated earthquake victims upon their arrival for medical assistance in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, on Sept. 1. WAKIL KOHSAR/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Ziaul Haq Mohammadi, a student at Al-Falah University in the eastern city of Jalalabad, was studying in his room at home when the quake struck. He said he tried to stand up but was knocked over by the power of the tremor.

“We spent the whole night in fear and anxiety because at any moment an-

other earthquake could happen,” Mohammadi said.

Rescuers were battling to reach remote mountainous areas cut off from mobile networks along the Pakistani border, where mudbrick homes

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# Expect court challenge if Trump mandates voter ID

President says he’ll sign executive order

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump is plowing ahead with efforts to change election rules despite initial court rulings that he doesn’t have the power to do so.

Trump said on Aug. 30 he will sign an executive order requiring voters provide identification in every election. Trump’s executive order is expected to be challenged in court once he signs it.

An executive order Trump signed in March requiring people to show government-issued proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections has been blocked by the courts.

“The Constitution does not grant the president any specific powers over elections,” U.S. District Judge Denise Casper in Massachusetts wrote in June.

In April, a federal judge in Washington, DC, reached the same conclusion.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump said: “Voter I.D. Must Be Part of Every Single Vote. NO EXCEPTIONS! I Will Be Doing An Executive Order To That End!!!”

He did not say what type of identification he wants to require, when he would sign the order or why he has the authority to impose the rule.

Trump has long questioned the U.S. electoral system and continues to falsely claim that his 2020 loss to Democratic President Joe Biden was the result of widespread fraud. The president and his Republican allies have also made baseless claims about widespread voting by noncitizens, which is illegal and rarely occurs.

Thirty-six states require voters to show some form of identification at the polls, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Depending on the state, the identification can be a photo ID, such as a driver’s license, or a non-photo ID, such as a bank statement.

States that require neither check a voter’s identity a different way, most often by comparing the voter’s signature with one on file, according to the NCSL.

In 2008, the U.S. Supreme Court

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