My prayers go out to the family members of those who died during this tragedy. Earthquake combined with tsunami wreaked havoc in many nations. Spread over the 1600 miles, and it all happened in less than 2 hours !

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Friday, December 24th, 2004

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