



A Landslide in Brazil

Exercise 1

Vocabulary

motorway

NOUN

a multilane highway

He was driving on a motorway.

torrent

NOUN

a channel of a mountain stream

The storm turned the stream into a raging torrent.

remote

NOUN

distant physically

He likes traveling to remote lands.

lorry

NOUN

a truck used especially for transporting goods

I almost got hit by a lorry yesterday.

mudslide

NOUN

a moving mass of soil made fluid by rain

Many people got injured in a mudslide.

Exercise 2

Article

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At least two people were killed and dozens are reported missing after a landslide across the motorway in southern Brazil, sweeping around 20 vehicles.

A torrent of mud fell onto the BR-376 highway on Monday after days of heavy rain in the state of Parana.

Rescue workers stated that search rescue became more complicated due to bad weather and remote location. They found the body of a hanging lorry's driver, who was later identified as João Pires, a 62-year-old lorry driver. Another lorry driver was rescued after getting buried in the mud resulting in minor injuries. José Altair Biscaia, 43, recorded a video of himself on his phone as he was trapped.

A video posted on social media by Roberto Justus, the mayor of the coastal town of Guaratuba, said, "It was horrible. The mountain just fell on top of us. It swept away every last car. We're only alive by the grace of God."

Days of heavy rain contributed to creating mudslides that caused serious harm to involved residents.

In February, more than 200 people were killed in the series of landslides in the town of Petropolis.

Exercise 3

Question

1. How many vehicles were damaged, or destroyed?
2. How was the experience of the mayor in the incident?
3. What causes the landslide across the motorway in Brazil?

Exercise 4

Discussion

1. Is it still safe to drive across the highway even if it was restored?
2. What should be the first action of the government regarding the incident?

Exercise 5

Further Discussion

1. Have experienced being harmed in an accident? Elaborate.
2. What will you do if you're in the positions of the victims in the mudslide?
3. If your loved ones are also victims, what would be your reaction?