

Earthquake toll in China's Sichuan Province rises to 82 amid COVID lockdown

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In China, the death toll from Monday's earthquake in Sichuan province has risen to 82. Photo: CGTN

Beijing, September 9 (RHC)-- In China, the death toll from Monday's earthquake in Sichuan province has risen to 82. Dozens more remain missing, and rescue crews trying to reach remote areas have been hampered by rain, flash floods and mudslides.

The earthquake has also compounded China's efforts to combat COVID-19. On Wednesday, authorities extended a week-long lockdown of Sichuan's capital city, Chengdu, home to 21 million people.

China is reporting about 2,000 coronavirus infections a day as it struggles to maintain its "zero-COVID" strategy.

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