Three days of mourning for earthquake victims

The announcement of the mourning period came as the solemnity of the quake, the worst in more than 30 years, was increased to its fullest scale.

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