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Photo taken on Aug. 8, 2017 shows a view in a hotel after earthquake in Jiuzhaigou County of southwest China's Sichuan Province. [Photo/Xinhua]

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The earthquake jolted Jiuzhaigou County at 9:19 p.m. Tuesday (Beijing Time), and the epicenter was monitored at 33.2 degrees north latitude and 103.82 degrees east longitude. The quake struck at a depth of 20 km, according to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC).

Jiuzhaigou, or Jiuzhai Valley, is a national park known for spectacular waterfalls and karst formations. More than 34,000 people visited the tourist attraction on Tuesday.

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The county also sent consultants to hotels, rural inns and streets to offer possible counseling service for tourists.

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8 killed, 17 missing in SW China landslide

Eight people were killed and 17 remain missing after a rain-triggered landslide hit a village in Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture in southwest China's Sichuan Province, local authorities said Tuesday.

The landslide hit Gengdi village in Qiaowo township of Puge county at around 6 a.m. Tuesday. It also injured five people, according to the information office of the prefecture government.

Rescue work is underway.

Xiongan New Area sets up company to fund construction

The management committee of Xiongan New Area has announced that a special company has been established to fund construction of the area.



Photo taken on April 21, 2017 shows the scenery of the county seat of Rongcheng, north China's Hebei Province. China announced the plan for Xiongan New Area, an economic zone about 100 kilometers south of Beijing, on April 1, 2017. The new area will span Xiongxian, Rongcheng and Anxin counties in Hebei Province, eventually covering 2,000 square kilometers. Hebei announced recently it would call for international bids to plan and design Xiongan New Area. Global companies are welcomed to bid with their ideas for a 30-square-km area at initial stage. [Photo/Xinhua]

With registered capital of 10 billion yuan (about 1.47 billion U.S. dollars), China Xiongan Construction & Investment Group is a state-owned company.

The Hebei provincial government approved its founding in July.

The company will raise fund to build houses and apartments, develop the Baiyangdian water area, and to build transport links, energy infrastructure and public facilities in Xiongan.

China announced plans in April to establish the Xiongan New Area, a new economic zone about 100 kilometers southwest of Beijing. It covers Hebei's Xiongxian, Rongcheng and Anxin counties.

[Flood leaves 7 dead, 2 missing in NW China](#)

Seven people have died and two others remain missing after a flood in northwest China's Gansu Province, local authorities said Tuesday.



Rainstorms hit three townships in Wenxian county in Longnan city from Sunday evening to Monday morning, resulting in geological disasters including landslides. [Photo/CGTN]

Rainstorms hit three townships in Wenxian county in Longnan city from Sunday evening to Monday morning, resulting in geological disasters including landslides.

Nearly 1,000 residents have been relocated to safety. The rain also left roads blocked, houses collapsed or damaged, and power supply and communication interrupted.

The local government has dispatched thousands of people to participate in rescue and relief work.