

## 4 dead after toxic mud floods villages in Hungary

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### 1 Vocabulary

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| 1. look for-(pv) | - stop something from happening                                 |
| 2. affect-(v)    | - to put too much in, and it cannot be controlled               |
| 3. casualty-(n)  | - to do something to someone to make them healthy               |
| 4. endanger-(v)  | - to change or influence  |
| 5. reservoir-(n) | - try to find, search for, hunt                                 |
| 6. treat-(v)     | - to put something in a dangerous position                      |
| 7. flood-(v)     | - a place to store a liquid; often a community's drinking water |
| 8. prevent-(v)   | - a person injured or killed in an accident or war              |

### 2 Reading



Four people, including two children, were killed after a reservoir broke and flooded three villages in western Hungary with toxic red mud, officials said Tuesday.

The government has declared a state of emergency in three counties, the State Secretariat of Governmental Communications said.

The National Catastrophe Protection Directorate (OKF) said the two children who died were 1 and 3 years old. A 35-year-old man was killed in his car, and a woman was killed in her home, the government said.

Rescue workers are looking for seven people who are missing. They have treated at least 116 casualties, including eight people who were seriously injured. Most have been airlifted by helicopter to hospitals in the capital, Budapest.

The reservoir burst in the town of Kolontar on Monday afternoon, the government said Tuesday.

At least a million cubic meters of red mud have spilled so far, the government said, affecting the villages of Kolontar, Devecser and Somlovasarhely.

The toxic sludge -- a waste product from aluminum production -- could potentially endanger two major rivers, the Danube and the Raba, the government said. It has already reached the river Marcal.

The Environment and Water Management Center has experts working on preventing the sludge from affecting the Danube and Raba, it said.

### 3 Comprehension Questions

1. How many people died in the accident?

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2. What kind of damages have been caused?

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3. What kind of other damages have been caused by the accident?

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4. What other consequences may the accident have?

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### 4 Vocabulary

1. The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ his sickness with a new medicine.

2. The city's \_\_\_\_\_ is in the mountains, and all the water must come over 100 miles.

3. The locked door \_\_\_\_\_ her from going in.

4. The hospital was \_\_\_\_\_ with patients after the storm.

5. The whiskey \_\_\_\_\_ his driving and he crashed the car.

6. She has been \_\_\_\_\_ her credit card all morning but she can't find it.

7. Driving too fast \_\_\_\_\_ other people on the road.

8. There were 12 \_\_\_\_\_ in the plane crash.