



Brandon Pondexter

Hello

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My name is Brandon

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Constantin Barbu

hello. my name is Constantin Barbu, i'm working for Romania's main news portal, HotNews.ro

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thanks for agreeing to speak to me

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where are you located?

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how is the situation in your area?

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Brandon Pondexter

I am located in Yokosuka area in Japan. Kanagawa prefecture

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Constantin Barbu

as far as i can see on google maps, you're really close to Tokyo

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Brandon Pondexter

Yeah, Tokyo is about 2 hours away from here....

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Constantin Barbu

what is the situation in your area?

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how did you feel the earthquake?

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Brandon Pondexter

Its not so bad here....

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In some places the power has gone out...

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And also the trains are not working at the moment....

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Plus there are lots of traffic jams on the Yoko-Yoko highway..

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Constantin Barbu

as far as you know, are there any collapsed buildings in your area? any casualties/wounded people?

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Brandon Pondexter

There are no collapsed building in my area...

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The earthquake didnt hit as hard here as it did down in central Tokyo I think

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Constantin Barbu

do you have any friends there? are they ok?



Brandon Pondexter

Yes, I have some Japanese friends in Tokyo....

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I also have some friends that are stuck on the Bullet train because of the power outage....

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Constantin Barbu

are the power outages widespread? did you have any problems with power?

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Brandon Pondexter

As far as I know, its hit or miss in places....

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I know some people here who power is out by mine never went out at all...

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Constantin Barbu

where were you when the earthquake struck? how did it feel like?

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Brandon Pondexter

I was on Yokosuka Naval Base.....

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At first I didnt notice it....

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Then the trembling started to get more frequent and more violent....

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I have been through alot in my life so it really didnt effect me as much even though that was the first time I have ever been in an earthquake.....

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I am used to being on a boat as well and it just felt like I was on a boat in a high sea state.....

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Constantin Barbu

what will you be doing next?

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Brandon Pondexter

I was supposed to meet some friends down in Fussa near Yokota Air base....

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But the trains are not working so I will have to go tomorrow

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There are tremors from the aftershock even now....

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Albeit very small though

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I was happy my 46 inch screen TV was not broken.....

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Constantin Barbu



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Brandon Pondexter

Right now communications are still down somewhat, I cant even contact my friends....

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Constantin Barbu

any estimates on when tehy will be back on?

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Brandon Pondexter

I dont know yet.....I really dont know fluent Japanese so I am at a somewhat disadvantage....

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Constantin Barbu

i understand

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as far as you know, what was the reaction of the locals to the quake?

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Brandon Pondexter

Everyone was quite shocked.....but seemed most stayed pretty cool and calm...

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Constantin Barbu

as far as i understand, you're a naval officer. what do you think about the possibility of a tsunami?

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Brandon Pondexter

I think it did hit already to some coastline parts of upper Japan....

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There were some reports of buildings getting washed away looking like big boats....

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There has been warnings for everyone to get to higher ground in anticipation for the tsunami....

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Constantin Barbu

ok, thank you for your time. can i have your rank, so i can properly quote you?

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Brandon Pondexter

I am E5. Petty Officer Second Class, United States Military.

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Constantin Barbu

thanks

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Brandon Pondexter

Yup, np

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Constantin Barbu

is it ok if i keep in touch in case i need more info

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