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AGADIR, Morocco (UPI) — Crown Prince Moulay Hassan today ordered rescue work to stop in the pestilence-threatened ruins of Agadir and demolition work to begin at once. This meant death to any of the living trapped in the rubble.

Rescue teams of many nations were picking through the ruins in hopes of finding a few more living in the devastated city where 5,000 to 6,000 persons were believed to have met death when an earthquake hit Morocco night.

The threat of widespread epidemics among the living was so great the crown prince ordered the drastic move.

Thousands of persons were feared still trapped in the ruins of what had once been a beautiful and thriving resort city on the southern Atlantic coast of Morocco. An unknown number of tourists were believed still buried.

Rats Swarm in City

How many of the trapped were still alive may never be known. Rescue squads have worked through the night, listening for the faint calls for help that sometimes resulted in life for persons buried alive for three days.

But as they worked huge rats swarmed through the city where sewer lines were broken, threatening to spread disease among the refugees and the relief workers themselves.

Only 808 bodies had been recovered, recorded and buried. A few dozen others were reported removed as buried by their families without being recorded.

The crown prince had hoped to hold off the demolition order for at least another day or two, but the rising risk of typhus or plague forced his hand.

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Two persons were killed and seven injured, one critically, today when an explosion rocked a two-story research laboratory building at the Sinclair Oil Co. refinery.

A Sinclair spokesman said the building was "pretty well demolished." The blast also set off a fire but it was brought under control. The wreckage was searched carefully for other persons who might have been trapped or injured, although a company spokesman was "pretty sure" all were accounted for.

The dead were identified by St. Catherine's Hospital, East Chicago, as Mrs. Betty Heimlich, 35, Hammond, Ind., a chemist, and David Coyle, 39, Homewood, Ill.

Harry Hayden, 39, was listed in critical condition due to burns. The hospital said William Hallett, 29, East Chicago, was in poor condition.

Five employees were reported in fair condition: Floyd Daniels, 49, Hammond, Ind.; Stanley McKenzie, 35, Hobart, Ind.; Ralph Medlock, 41, and William Novosav, 37, Chicago, suffered burns. William Cox, 50, Calumet City, Ill., suffered shoulder and arm injuries.

The cause of the explosion, which occurred on the second story, was not known. The blast blew out windows and a section of a brick wall. Equipment in the laboratory was destroyed.

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