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(11月11日的报道) 官方估计在独鲁万市和菲律宾其它受强台风“海燕”袭击的地区死亡人数为1万人。没有食品、帐篷避难所和干净的引用水，生存者接下来的生活还很艰难。以下是 Jon Donnison 给 BBC 发来的报道：

Tacloban has been **flattened**. Driving down the main high street, hardly a single building is left standing. People say this town was hit by a wall of water when the typhoon **struck** on Friday.

There's the **stench** of rotting corpses. Driving in from the airport we saw **scores** of bodies lying by the roadside. For three days they have been there – nobody to bury them. People are desperate for food, clean water and **shelter**. At the badly **battered** airport, a **makeshift** hospital has been set up. We saw two young women giving birth, laid out among the **debris**.

Aid is getting in, but slowly and this is just one town in one province. Nobody knows the full extent of the devastation elsewhere.

## Questions

1. True or false? *In Tacloban, only single-storey buildings were left standing.*
2. Why have none of the bodies been buried?
3. Where has the makeshift hospital been set up?
4. How bad is the extent of the devastation across the rest of the country?

## Vocabulary and definitions

flattened	被完全摧毁夷为平地
struck	袭击
stench	臭气、恶臭
scores	大量，以二十计量的
shelter	避难所
battered	被严重损坏的
makeshift	临时代替品
debris	碎片，瓦砾

**Answers to the questions:**

1. True or false? *In Tacloban, only single-storey buildings were left standing.*  
**Answer:** False: Hardly a single building is left standing.
2. Why have none of the bodies been buried?  
**Answer:** There is nobody to bury them.
3. Where has the makeshift hospital been set up?  
**Answer:** At the airport.
4. How bad is the extent of the devastation across the rest of the country?  
**Answer:** Nobody knows the full extent of the devastation elsewhere.