

Mexican landslide toll rises to 14

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OSTUACAN, Mexico --

Divers found the submerged bodies Tuesday of three more people killed when a mudslide swept away a village in southern Mexico, bringing the death toll to at least 14.

The search continued for another 11 people reported missing after the Nov. 4 mudslide clogged the Grijalva river in Chiapas state, unleashing a giant wave of water that washed away the hamlet of San Juan Grijalva.

Divers found the bodies of the three men, all residents of San Juan Grijalva, about two miles down river from the hamlet of 200 people, said Luis Garcia, Chiapas' deputy secretary of civil protection. The bodies brought the death toll from the disaster to at least 14.

A dozen bulldozers were still working furiously to clear the landslide, about 279 feet high and 2,625 feet wide. Officials worry that more rain could cause the river - now restrained by a dam upstream - to break through the dam and then the landslide, flooding the area again.

In neighboring Tabasco state, a week of heavy rains pushed rivers over their banks and officials said that about 80 percent of the state was underwater at one point and about 500,000 had their homes damaged or destroyed.

Besides the dead in San Juan Grijalva, floods killed at least eight others in Tabasco and elsewhere in Chiapas.