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, Castro and Gadhafi.

e years of support black Amer-
to the fight against apartheid,
stem of white minority rule.

"We were, and are, aware of the resistance of the people of Harlem," said Mandela, "and we continue to be inspired by your indomitable fighting spirit."

For thousands of blacks, the speech was the emotional high point of an event unprecedented in African-American history.

Never before has a black leader inspired such a wave of honor as Mandela is enjoying in

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Thousands buried in their homes

From Herald Wire Services

TEHRAN, Iran — A powerful earthquake devastated Iran's densely populated Caspian region Thursday, killing as many as 25,000 people and injuring at least 20,000, Iranian officials said.

The quake shortly after midnight Thursday demolished scores of villages and towns, caused mountainsides to collapse and buried thousands of people in their homes.

The earthquake measured 7.3 on the Richter scale of ground motion, the Geophysics Center at Tehran University said. The U.S. Geological Survey, however, measured it at 7.7.

At least a dozen aftershocks shook the region within two hours after the quake. The earthquake was centered 200 miles northwest of Tehran, in the Caspian Sea, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

It shook buildings and shattered windows in Tehran, but apparently caused no deaths in the capital. In the neighboring Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, the temblor slightly damaged some older buildings in Baku but caused no casualties, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

Iran's U.N. representative in New York, Kamal Kharrazi, said officials in Iran had told him that the death toll had reached 25,000.

He told Reuters in a telephone interview he had spoken to a headquarters set up in the Foreign Ministry in Tehran and had been informed there were "25,000 dead

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One killed, 2 hurt as gunmen open fire on Haitian officials

From Herald Wire Services

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Four gunmen, including two in military uniform, opened fire Thursday on a meeting of the governing Council of State, killing a union activist and critically wounding two politicians, witnesses said.

The bold daylight attack occurred in a hotel courtyard where the 19-member council was meeting with union, political and business leaders to deal with a wave of violent crime.

The assailants burst into the courtyard and sprayed the group with M-16 rifle fire, according to witnesses and independent radio reports.

Two attackers wore army uniforms and two wore civilian clothes, the reports said.

A truckload of soldiers arrived at the hotel, in a mainly residential area of Port-au-Prince, about a half-hour later.

The Council of State is a quasi-legislative body that has a key role in organizing democratic elections in September. It governs along with President Ertha Pascal-Trouillot, who was not present at the meeting.

Witnesses and Radio Antilles identified the dead man as union

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