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The Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission said 20,573 people had been evacuated to safer areas in Afar and Oromia, from a tally of over 51,000 "vulnerable" people. Plans were underway to move more than 8,000 people in Oromia "in the coming days", the agency said in a statement.

The latest shallow 4.7 magnitude quake hit just before 12:40pm about 33 kilometres north of Metehara town in Oromia, according to the European Mediterranean Seismological Centre. The earthquakes have damaged houses and threatened to trigger a volcanic eruption of the previously dormant Mount Dofan.—AFP

Tomiko Itooka, has died at the age of 116, the city of Ashiya where she lived announced on Saturday.

Itooka, who had four children and five grandchildren, died on Dec 29 at a nursing home where she resided since 2019, the southern city's mayor said in a statement.

She was born on May 23, 1908 in the commercial hub of Osaka, near Ashiya — four months before the Ford Model T automobile was launched in the United States.

Itooka was recognised as the oldest person in the world after the Aug 2024 death of Spain's Maria Branyas Morera at age 117.

"Ms Itooka gave us courage and hope through her long life," Ashiya's 27-year-old mayor Ryosuke Takashima said in the statement. "We thank her for it." Itooka, who was one of three siblings, lived through world wars and pandemics as well as technological breakthroughs.

As a student, she played volleyball. In her older age, Itooka enjoyed bananas and Calpis, a milky soft drink popular in Japan, according to the mayor's statement.

Women typically enjoy longevity in Japan, but the country is facing a worsening demographic crisis as its expanding elderly population leads to soaring medical and welfare costs, with a shrinking labour force to pay for it.

As of September, Japan counted more than 95,000 people who were 100 or older — 88 per cent of whom were women. Of the country's 124 million people, nearly a third are 65 or older.

After Itooka's death, the world's oldest person is now 116-year-old Brazilian nun Inah Canabarro Lucas, who was born on June 8, 1908, according to the US Gerontological Research Group and LongeviQuest.—AFP

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Tender No. 16-2024

Online Tenders through EPAD SPPRA addressed to Executive Director, NICVD, Karachi are invited under SPPRA rules, 2010 (Amended 2019) from well reputed Licensed & registered. Chemists, must be registered with Sales Tax Department on FOR basis for the following supply items for the financial year 2024-2025.

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Bidding documents should be downloaded from EPADs (SPPRA) & should submit pay order of Rs. 2000/- in the name of Executive Director, NICVD Karachi for each tender from 07-01-2025 to 22-01-2025 (Tuesday-11:00 a.m.).

Bids should be submitted in EPAD SPPRA Software before above submission details. Bids will be opened online on the above mentioned date and time in the presence of Tender Opening Committee and bidders at 11:30 a.m., sharp.

All tenders will be accepted along with a pay order / bank draft of 1% of the total bid amount in the name of Executive Director, NICVD, Karachi as bid security in Procurement department before submission of bid.

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