

## **America Samoa imposes curfew to control looting after tsunami**

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**APIA, Samoa, Oct 03, 2009 (Xinhua via COMTEX)** -- The American Samoa government imposed curfew Saturday to control looting, particularly in the capital city of Pago Pago, in the aftermath of the tsunami.

Pago Pago was hardest hit in American Samoa, where the death toll stood at 32.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) said relief efforts have shifted from providing basic necessities to restoring the U.S. territory's electricity.

At least 31 people died in the tsunami disaster in the U.S. territory, and the search is continuing for bodies in the rubble.

About 169 people are injured, several of whom are still in a serious condition in hospital.

FEMA, which is coordinating the relief response, has about 50 people working alongside local officials.

Homeland Security said water and power have been restored in the west, but were still out in parts of the eastern district.

A power plant in the east of the main island, Tutuila, is likely to be out of action for at least a month.

The police in American Samoa were reported to have arrested several people for looting carried out immediately after earlier this week's tsunami and earthquake, Radio New Zealand International reported.

Widespread looting in the central business district began as soon as the waves had receded.

Many damaged offices in the CBD have now boarded up their doors and windows and the looting has subsided.