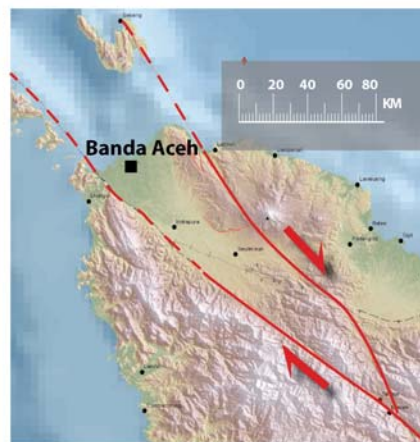
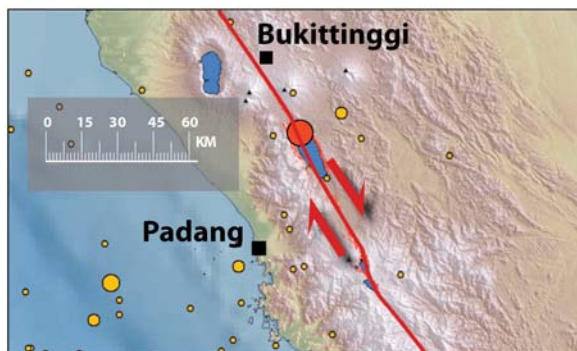


## Myanmar



## Seismic situation of cities in the world

Many of the world's cities are in a seismic situation akin to that of Port au Prince. *Istanbul* is only a few kilometers from the North Anatolian fault, a right-lateral (dextral) fault. All of this 2000-km long fault has slipped in large, destructive earthquakes in the past century, except the underwater section nearest Istanbul. Sumatra's *Bukittinggi* and *Padang* lie close to the Sumatran fault, but fortunately the nearest sections ruptured in the early to mid-20th century. The two strands that embrace *Banda Aceh*, however, have not broken

in historical time and may be posed for a large earthquake. *Mandalay, Yangon* and *Napidaw* are near the Sagaing fault, parts of which have not broken for more than a 140 years.