

# Take This Job and Google It

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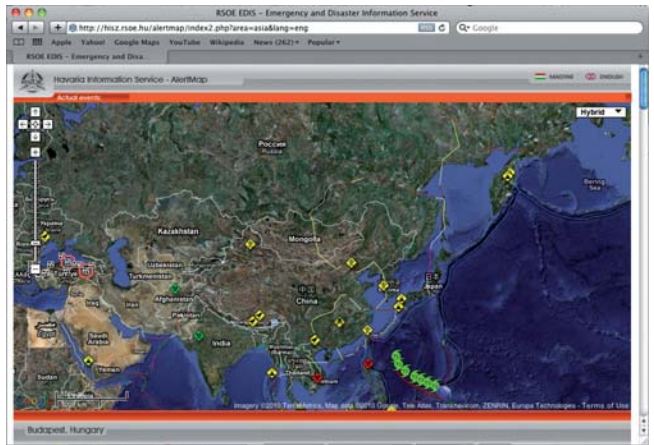
Is it time to work in the Fiji Islands? How about Rome? If the climate and cuisine are failing you in your current duty station, the boss is getting annoying and your brilliant skill set is underappreciated, it might be time to cast the net for a better position.

UNjobs.org is a central database for hundreds of jobs in international organizations. Vacancies can be viewed by country, organization, and new listings.

There is also a search box in the upper-right corner to allow any specialty or particulars to be found. Thousands of jobs and consultancies are covered, from being a cook in Kabul to a World Health Organization director in Geneva. As for where you want to be based, choose from more than 200 duty stations around the globe.

Clicking on a job title brings up the details about the position, including responsibilities, requirements, and application deadlines. A nice touch is the Google map presented with each vacancy. This shows where the international schools, hospitals—and golf courses—are located near the position.

Each job can be applied for online, so your boss will think you're working. No need to wait nervously by the shared printer for your CV to pop out for mailing. Postings can also be followed using Twitter (<http://twitter.com/UNjobs>). Keep an eye on your Blackberry. That tweet for the Paris job might be minutes away... ■



# A Disaster Waiting to Happen

## Asia Emergency and Disaster Map

<http://hisz.rsoe.hu/alertmap/index2.php?area=asia&lang=eng>

On a personal level, this website is akin to watching a train wreck happen in slow motion: it's uncomfortable, but it's hard to turn away.

On a professional level, it offers a quick overview of a range of disasters unfolding in Asia and the rest of the world. Landslides, volcanic eruptions, biological hazards, epidemics, floods, droughts, heat waves—you name it, it's probably happening somewhere.

A map at the top of the site lets viewers click on an array of icons to find out what's happening where. Often the details are sketchy, but there's usually enough information to see if one of your projects or programs is in an affected area and you need to troll for news articles elsewhere.

The site's coverage is categorized into current emergencies, short-term and long-term events, tsunamis, earthquakes, tropical storms, and active volcanoes. There is even a supervolcano monitoring system (which uses Google Earth to nice visual effect, allowing users to zoom in and out on supervolcanoes).

And for those with not enough to worry about, the bottom of the site has a detailed list of earth-approaching objects—at least the ones known about in the next 30 days. Really, though, there are some events that one can prepare for, and others that can only remind us that nothing's invulnerable. ■