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Middle East 'should have tsunami warning system'

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Countries in the Middle East should also have a tsunami warning system, an expert on tsunami has said.

Professor Costas Synolakis, from the Technical University of Crete, Greece, and the University of Southern California, is conducting a survey of tsunami and its effects in Sri Lanka.

He said: "There is a possibility of an earthquake occurring. A plate that could cause earthquakes runs right across the Arabian Sea going all the way to the Suez Canal. It is known as the Eurasian plate.

"Apart from this there is a triple junction where three such plates meet. A movement from any one of these plates could result in an earthquake.

"The Bam earthquake that ripped Iran has occurred as a result of the movements from one of these plates."

A team of 20 experts from various universities in the United States are in Sri Lanka to carry out an in-depth survey of tsunami and its effects.

Their objective is to provide the Sri Lankan Government with vital information on how to take precaution against tsunamis and install a warning system.

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