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## Bill Clinton in Sri Lanka Today, Maldives Tomorrow

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Former US President Bill Clinton arrived in Sri Lanka late on Friday evening to inspect Tsunami recovery and reconstruction work after the disaster killed 31,000 people in the country.

He traveled to Sri Lanka's east coast as a "UN special envoy for Tsunami relief work" UN officials said.

The main reason for Clinton's visit, however, is less to inspect the projects and more to increase international attention on the Tsunami-relief effort, five months after the disaster hit.

Clinton is also to have lunch with President Chandrika Kumaratunga before meeting a broad range of political and religious leaders.

He is to travel to the Maldives on Monday, where he will spend a day focusing on donor country's commitments to pay for recovery plans amid government complaints they are not receiving promised aid.

He will also help to promote the UNDP's 'adopt an island' scheme.

Clinton is on a four-day tour of four Tsunami-affected countries: India; Sri Lanka; Maldives and Indonesia.

"I hope I can help you, particularly with increasing economic benefits to the new work being done here" Clinton said today in Sri Lanka.



Bill Clinton