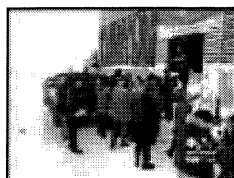


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Full public inquiry into Quebec avalanche

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KANGIQSUALUJUAQ, QUEBEC - Prime Minister Jean Chretien will attend the funeral for nine people killed in an avalanche in this remote community during a New Year's Eve party.

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Chretien has already sent his condolences to the families of those killed. A spokesman for the prime minister's office says he will attend the service, whenever plans are finalized. The funerals will take place on Monday afternoon.

Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard announced there will be a full public inquiry into the disaster. 'There's a lot of sadness'

The Quebec premier was in Kangiqsualujjaq on Sunday to personally extend his sympathy to the community. "There's a lot of sadness," Bouchard said. "These are people who are already put to the test. Life isn't easy for them and with this happening, it's terrible."

Bouchard spent the day visiting the local hospital and seeing for himself where the accident happened. The school was built near the side of a hill. Residents had questioned the safety of the decision.



Quebec Premier
Lucien Bouchard

Avalanche experts have also arrived. They will examine the range of hills near the site of the tragedy and determine if there is any further danger to the community. Ten more buildings have been evacuated because of a potential threat.



Nine people, including five children, died during celebrations to mark the changing of the year. Twenty-five others were injured, some seriously,



Rescuers dig for survivors

when the wall of snow crashed into the side of the school where the party was taking place.

Rescuers dug for hours, trying to find those trapped under the tonnes of snow.

On Sunday a coroner examined the bodies of the victims and concluded autopsies were not needed. A spokesman for the Quebec Provincial Police, Francois Dore, said they died from suffocation or broken necks. "He talked to me about broken necks and fractures of the cervical bone. He told me some of them were killed by suffocation and compression," said Dore.

Kangiqsualujjaq is an isolated community about 1,500 kilometres north of Montreal.



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