

Worldcue(R) Alert

Critical Alert -- Environment

Magnitude-7.7 earthquake strikes in northern Afghanistan midday Aug. 10. Tremors felt in Kabul, as far away as Delhi, India. No severe damage reported.

The locations affected by this alert are Afghanistan, Delhi, Islamabad, Lahore, Dushanbe, Peshawar, Srinagar, Rawalpindi, Quetta, Dehradun, Jammu, Noida, Gurgaon, Sargodha, Multan, Ludhiana, Qurghonteppa (Kurgan-Tyube), Khorog

This alert began 26 Oct 2015 10:06 GMT and is scheduled to expire 27 Oct 2015 23:59 GMT.

Earthquake Details

- Location: Northern Afghanistan, about 45 km (27 miles) south-southwest of Jarm

- Magnitude (Depth): 7.7 (213km/132miles)

- Time/Date: 1339 Oct. 26

- Affected Areas: Northern Afghanistan, Pakistan, northern India, Tajikistan

Summary

A powerful, magnitude-7.7 earthquake struck in the mountainous Hindu Kush region of northern Afghanistan, about 45 km (27 miles) south-southwest of Jarm around 1339 Oct. 26 (map <<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=z-GtAxDaYq9A.kfmZtVizWSkl&usp=sharing>>). The temblor struck at a depth of 213 km (132 miles); regardless, strong shaking was reported as far away as Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Residents across northern Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India experienced the prolonged tremor, including in the cities of Kabul, Afghanistan; Islamabad and Rawalpindi, Pakistan; and Delhi and Srinagar, India. Shaking prompted people in several areas to evacuate buildings.

There has been no immediate reports of significant damage or casualties, though assessments from more remote areas of northern Afghanistan and Pakistan may not be completed for several hours. Power and mobile phone outages were reported in parts of the Kashmir Valley, while officials in Delhi have reportedly shut down Metro service. Aftershocks are highly likely. Localized travel and business delays are possible as authorities inspect infrastructure for damage.

Advice

Plan accordingly for aftershocks. Consider vacating older, multistory buildings in areas close to the epicenter. Earthquake-induced landslides are possible close to the epicenter; seek updated information on road conditions before driving through mountainous areas. Mobile networks may be temporarily overwhelmed; consider using SMS. Conserve batteries, and restrict the use of handheld devices to emergencies only.

Related Advice: Personal safety during earthquakes. --

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