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# Earthquake Emergency Response Türkiye / Syria

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# Situation Overview:

## 06. February 2023, at 4:17 UCT a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the area of Southern Türkiye/Northern Syria, followed by several strong aftershocks:

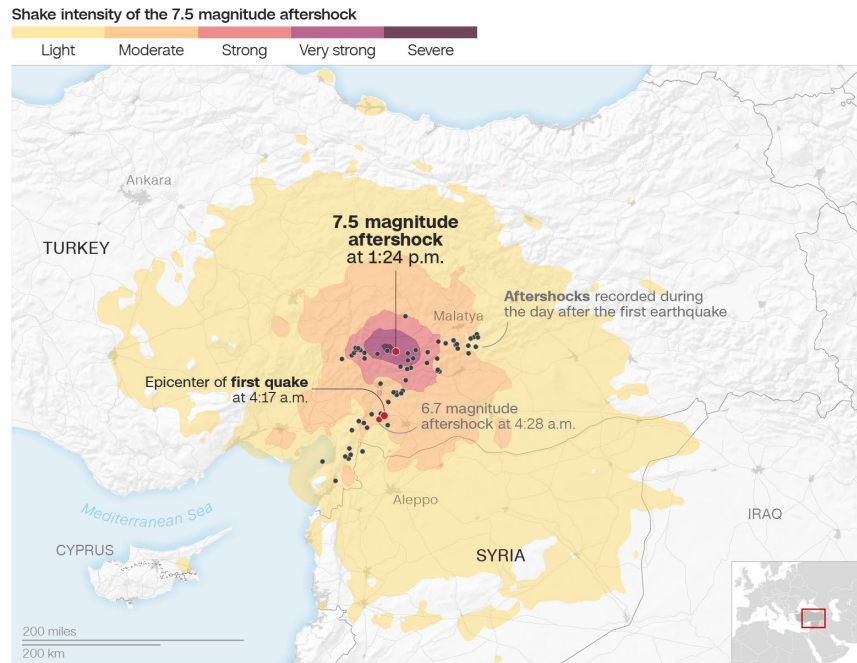
- Epicenter: Pazarcik, Region of Kahramanmaras, Türkiye
- The earthquake was also felt in Cyprus Lebanon, Syrian, Greece, Iraq, and Israel
- Most affected provinces: Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adiyaman, Malatya, Osmaniye, Hatay, and Kilis

## Situation (as of 07/02/2023 15:00 CET):

- At least 100 aftershocks, including one at 7.5 magnitude detected at 1:24 pm the following day 80 kilometres north of the epicentre (CNN)
- Three aftershocks 6.0 or greater (CNN)
- 5.0-6.0 aftershocks still likely to occur

### More than 60 aftershocks recorded – including a major one at 7.5 magnitude

Early in the afternoon a powerful aftershock was recorded around 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of the epicenter of the 7.8 earthquake that rocked Turkey and Syria on Monday morning. It's among more than 60 aftershocks recorded.



Note: Map shows quakes of 2.5 magnitude and over, recorded through 7:43 p.m. local time (1:43 p.m. ET).

Sources: US Geological Survey, LandScan  
Graphic: Henrik Pettersson, CNN

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- At least 5,151 deaths are confirmed (CNN). At least 25,637 injured:
  - Türkiye: 3,549 deaths, 22,168 injured (Yunus Sezer, Turkey's head of disaster services)
  - Syria: 1,602 deaths, 3,469 injured
- Thousands of people are sheltering outside, in fear of afterquakes and destroyed infrastructure
- Infrastructure Damage: 5,606 buildings collapsed in Turkey alone (Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Agency)
- Similar devastation in northern Syria, hundreds of families still trapped under rubble
- Medical and educational facilities damaged or destroyed
- Risks: humanitarian situation in Syria already vulnerable due to displacement, worsening economic crisis and waterborne diseases

## Analysis:

The situation is dramatic. The rescue of trapped people is difficult and health facilities are overloaded. Cold temperatures, snow and rain are not only complicating rescue efforts, but especially the situation for people in the camps along the Turkish-Syrian border (Dr. Salah Safadi, Health Manager MI in Gaziantep). Many have spent the night outside in freezing temperatures. Rapid help is needed.

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# Response

## National

- At least 300,000 blankets, 102,000 beds, and 54,000 tents have been sent to affected earthquake areas (AFAD)
- 765 personnel workers and 50 vehicles dispatched to provide psychological support
- At least 53,317 emergency health personnel have been dispatched
- About 8,000 people were rescued from the rubble so far

## International

- International Search and Rescue Teams have been deployed from several nations (Japan, India, USA...)
- 2,769 personnel from 65 countries have been deployed

## Order of Malta (Malteser International)

MI active through staff on the ground from time of disaster. Emergency Relief Team arriving Gaziantep this afternoon.

Additional media will be available from 8.2.2023

Main needs as reported by our country office are food and shelter items (inc. blankets, mattresses, tents, hot meals and dry food). These should be procured locally as far as possible to ensure rapid arrival and cost effectiveness. MI has already made EUR 400k available for initial procurement.

MI is liaising with international partners to coordinate joint support where possible.

# Statement from HE the Lieutenant

*Following the terrible earthquake that struck in south-eastern Turkey, near the Syrian border, causing thousands of deaths, Fra' John Dunlap, Lieutenant of the Grand Master, issued the following statement:*



“Our thoughts and sincere prayers are with all those who have lost their lives, their loved ones, and their livelihoods in the earthquakes affecting Turkey and Syria yesterday. We pray in particular for the relief workers from our aid agency, Malteser International (MI), who are already on the ground working hard to help save lives; as well as for the international team that will arrive to support them from Cologne, Germany, in the coming hours.

We encourage all members and donors of the Order of Malta who wish to [make a contribution](#) to support the work of MI.

Our staff in Syria and Turkey have all been deeply personally affected by this disaster. Many have lost family and friends. Our thoughts are with them especially as they continue their work to serve others even in spite of their own circumstances.

This disaster will disproportionately affect the most vulnerable people. Many of them have been dealing daily with the effects of conflict and displacement since the outbreak of the Syrian Civil War more than a decade ago. We have been working to help them since 2012. And we remain committed to doing so for as long as is necessary. We hope that this terrible tragedy will be a reminder of our common humanity in the face of suffering and help bring an end to needless violence”.