

AZERBAIJAN: EARTHQUAKE

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The Disaster

On Saturday 25 November a strong earthquake measuring between 6.1 - 6.3 on the Richter scale occurred in Azerbaijan. The epicentre was in the Caspian Sea approximately 25 km south east of Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. Strong tremors were also felt in Baku, a city with 2.5 million inhabitants. According to the Ministry of Interior, 31 people were killed and 143 injured. Initial reports also indicate limited material damage to infrastructure, but assessments are underway. .

The office of the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan is heavily damaged and evacuated

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

The International Federation Delegation in Baku and the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan has established a survey team to assess the immediate and longer term needs. All delegates and most of the National Society staff are on stand-by to participate in the assessment.

The delegates and National Society staff are safe and well.

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