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## Information bulletin Iran: East Iran Earthquake

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#### Summary:

An Earthquake with the magnitude of 5.5 on the Richter scale rocked Eastern Province of Iran, South Khorasan province on 5 December 2012. As per Tehran University's Seismological Center, the earthquake hit at 20:38 PM local time with an epicenter in Zohan city around 42 KM from Birjand the capital city of the province. The towns of Zohan, Ghaen, Zirkooh, Hoserobat and Birjand and their surrounding rural areas are the main earthquake stricken places. The President of the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) and the Head of Relief and Rescue Organization were swiftly arrived on the 6th of December at the scene of disaster.



#### The situation

As per latest from the field, 6 people are dead and 23 persons were injured. Relief workers of the IRCS were at the scene of disaster at first instants and swung into action following preliminary assessments. Relief and rescue workers saved the affected people trapped under the rubbles and transferred the injured people to the close clinical centers and hospitals.

The search, rescue and relief operations have already been completed and the operation is fully under the control of the IRCS. There is no need for any external support.

#### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Pointing to locating people in safe areas, Relief and Rescue Organization announced that more than 1,100 families were affected and all of them were sheltered, as 1000 tents were distributed among the earthquake stricken people. Also, 10,000 canned food and 1000 bottled water as well as 600 kerosene stove, 400 kitchen sets, 4000 blankets and 3000 square meters of ground sheets (moquette) were distributed among the affected people.

40 IRCS medical, relief and rescue operational teams consisting of 250 experts from the provincial branches deployed to the disastrous. Furthermore, 2 Iranian Red Crescent helicopters and 15 ambulances and 30 relief vehicles along with sniffer dogs and rescue tools are in the affected areas to back up the operation.

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