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TURKEY: BINGOL EARTHQUAKE

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In Brief

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The Situation



A moderate earthquake with a magnitude of 5.7 on the Richter scale hit Karlioiva town of Bingol at 09.36 a.m. on Saturday, 12 March 2005. On 14 March 2005, a series of tremors hit the area, the strongest measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale.

The earthquakes were felt at some neighbouring cities of Erzurum, Diyarbakir, Tunceli, Mus and Erzincan. There were also some villages cut off from the outside world, due to the heavy snowfall.

In the Bingol earthquake and the tremors, nobody was killed but a total of 37 people were slightly injured. According to the preliminary assessments, 240 houses were damaged in Karlioiva town of Bingol and Cat village of Erzurum.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Turkish Red Crescent responded immediately by dispatching a disaster response team and emergency relief items from the surrounding branches and logistics centers of Erzurum, Elazig and Mus. The teams rushed in emergency relief items to the two most affected areas: Karlitown town of Bingol and Cat village of Erzurum.

The relief materials forwarded by the regional and local logistics centers to Bingol's Karliova town include:

- 310 tents,
- 1300 blankets,
- 310 heating stoves,
- 110 sleeping bags,
- 500 food ratio and
- 500 provisions.

The relief materials dispatched to the affected families of Cat village of Erzurum include:

- 130 tents,
- 1250 blankets,
- 130 heating stoves,
- 150 sleeping bags,
- 500 food ratio and
- 1000 provisions.

The regional and local logistics centres of the National Society are on high alert and ready for further dispatch.

The regional delegation of the International Federation is in contact with the National Society and its disaster operation center (AFOM) in Ankara. For the time being, no international support has been requested and such request is not expected. However, the Federation will continue to monitor the situation.

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