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In Brief

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The Situation

At least 2,700 people have been killed and an estimated 3,000 people injured by an earthquake measuring 6.2¹ on the Richter Scale which struck Indonesia's island of Java this morning (27 May) at 05:54 local time (26 May 22:54 GMT).

The epicentre was located in the Indian Ocean 37.2 km south of Yogyakarta, at 8.26°S, 110.31°E, at a depth of 17 km beneath the seabed. The tremor was felt most strongly in Klaten (30 km northeast of Yogyakarta) and Yogyakarta (440 km east of Jakarta). It was also felt in Semarang and Surabaya. No tsunami was reported.

Preliminary official reports indicate at least 2,700 life losses and massive structural damage on buildings in Yogyakarta and its surrounding towns of Klaten, Bantul and Kulon. Thousands were injured and hospitalized in various hospitals. Many people stay outside for fear of aftershocks. With many people remained buried or trapped under the rubble of collapsed buildings, the number of casualties is expected to rise.

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¹ United States Geological Survey

According to the local Red Cross chapters, physical damage was reported on houses with the worst in Bantul and Sleman districts. In Bantul 70-80 per cent of houses have fully collapsed, including public hospital. In Prambanan (10 km east of Yogyakarta), the railway station collapsed and the railroad was uplifted, disrupting the southern line railway service Jakarta-Surabaya. Part of Yogyakarta palace was also damaged. The Yogyakarta international airport has been closed due to extensive damage to the facilities and flights from or to the city have to be redirected to Surakarta (60 km northeast of Yogyakarta) or Semarang (120 km north of Yogyakarta). In much of the impacted areas, water supply, electricity and mobile phone services have been disrupted and petrol stations inoperative.

The central government has declared the disaster as a national disaster emergency, and the president has ordered the military to help evacuate the affected people.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In the immediate hours after the disaster, Indonesia Red Cross Society (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) mobilized more than 400 staff and volunteers to undertake assessment and the relief operation. Before this earthquake, two hundred of them had been supporting the internally displaced populations under the Mt. Merapi operation. Five medical action teams from the PMI hospital in Bogor and Singapore Red Cross bilateral operation at Mt. Merapi are already operational on the ground. Five more medical teams from the surrounding areas are on the way. One health post in Bantul is already operational treating the injured. The PMI volunteers have also been distributing ready food, mineral water, tents, tarpaulins, baby kits to the affected population.

The national society has a long history of responding to natural disasters and has established a 20-member national emergency response team (Tim Khusus) and seventy 30-member SATGANA teams (rapid response and DP/risk reduction). These teams are able to provide basic services up to 250,000 beneficiaries at the same time. The PMI has also special expertise in psychological support and explosions, such as bomb attacks in urban centres. The developed capacity includes skills to effectively provide affected populations with shelter, water and sanitation, health, food, and psychosocial support, all of which will be drawn upon to support the earthquake response operation. In addition, PMI also has capacity to provide field kitchen services and mobile health care.

At the national headquarters, PMI is in close contact with its chapters and branches to monitor the situation and to support immediate action as needs continue to be identified. With the support of the Federation, PMI has mobilized one field Red Cross hospital with operating theatre capacity, previously in use in Aceh for the tsunami operation, together with the Ministry of Health. The hospital equipment will be trucked tonight from Jakarta to Yogyakarta. Additional medical personnel are being drawn from PMI hospital from Bogor. Medicines supplies are being transported from Semarang and Yogyakarta. On the way from Surabaya warehouse are 1,000 family tents, six field hospital tents and 1,000 body bags. Further tents are available in Banda Aceh for deployment should the need arise.

The Federation Southeast Asia regional delegation, the Asia Pacific disaster management unit (supported by regional logistics and reporting units) and the Secretariat headquarters in Geneva are alerted. The Federation has deployed from the tsunami operation a relief delegate, a logistics delegate, two information delegates and one health delegate to join the PMI staff and volunteers in undertaking assessments and relief activities. The regional emergency response programme officer has also been deployed to Indonesia to support the country delegation. Two water treatment plants are also being mobilized for standby as may be required. A total of 2.5 MT relief and medical supplies will be sent by air along with the PMI chairman and the Federation head of delegation tomorrow morning to Yogyakarta (via Solo).



Indonesian man stands in front of damaged shops in Yogyakarta

Reuters/Stringer, courtesy www.alertnet.org

Emergency equipment inventory

Item	Quantity	Comments/status
Family tents	1,000	Initial shipment – en route, additional supply available
Generator	15	en route
Body bags	1,000	Initial supply en route, additional 2,000 to follow
Water	5,000	Initial quantity bottled water en route
Food parcels	2,000	Initial quantity en route
Field kitchen	10	5 being set up; 5 more en route
Field Hospital	1	En route
Medicine		à Inventory list being compiled
Blankets	2,000	Initial quantity en route
Shovels	75	Canadian Red Cross donation for tsunami being re-deployed

Additional staff are on stand by located in other operations within Indonesia. The regional delegation has also sent out alert to the regional disaster response team members in Southeast Asia and are preparing for a small team to be deployed from the region to support PMI. In addition, a number of sister national societies, including German and Japanese Red Cross, have expressed interest to send relief, water and sanitation and medical personnel and relief supplies to support the operation.

A preliminary appeal is being drafted together with PMI and will be launched later today.

Close coordination is maintained with UN agencies, AUSAID, USAID and other donor embassies. Regular operation updates will be posted on the Federation website and the Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) as new information arrives.

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