

PERU: EARTHQUAKE

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The Disaster

AFP (the French news agency) reports that on 12 November at 17h00 a one-minute earthquake, graded 7.3 on the Richter scale, followed by about 40 tremors, struck southern Peru. The quake killed at least ten people and injured 300 others. Ten people are missing.

The most affected region is Nazca (500 km. south from Lima). In this 21,000 inhabitant town, 10 to 15% of the houses were destroyed and 50% damaged.

In Lima the earthquake reached 4 degrees on the Richter scale. Tremors were also felt in San Juan de Marcona.

Nazca's hospital has taken in 300 injured, 90 of whom are in very serious condition. There are thousands of homeless in this town. All public-service infrastructures have been disrupted.

Red Cross Action

The Peru Red Cross dispatched 80 relief workers (most of them doctors and nurses) to Nazca.

The Federation Secretariat has asked the National Society for further information, which will be shared immediately with all PNS and other donors. Meanwhile, donors should prepare for a possible request for help.

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