



Information Update

Earthquake of 6.9 Magnitude hits Inda – Bangladesh and Surrounding Countries Affected

September 19, 2011
For immediate release

DHAKA – An earthquake shook northeastern India late Sunday September 18, 2011, and was felt in Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. At 6:40 pm, citizens of Bangladesh felt the earthquake for nearly two minutes. Specialists confirmed that the epicenter was in Sikkim, India and was the strongest quake to hit the region in the last six decades. Three aftershocks of magnitude 5.7, 5.1, and 5.6 were also felt after the major earthquake.

Reports indicate the epicenter was nearly 495 Km north-west of Dhaka. The quake was more strongly felt in northern districts of Bangladesh including: Thakurgaon, Panchagorh, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Nator, Gaibandha, Pabna, Bogra, Sirajgonj, Khulna, Jessore, Kaustia, Sylhet, and Dhaka.

While no casualties or widespread damage has been reported in Bangladesh, some damage such as cracks in buildings across districts, including Dhaka was caused. The tremor was not felt in the southern part of the country. No special requirements are needed at this time; however citizens in the region should keep informed.

The Disaster Management Bureau of the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme is currently evaluating the situation in the region and is gathering all other available information. For full details regarding this and previous flood reports visit the Government of Bangladesh [Disaster Management and Relief Division](#) website: National Disaster Response Coordination Center, Situation Report.

Citizens who have questions or concerns about their safety should speak to their local administration at the Deputy Commissioner and Upazilla Nirbahi Officer.

Additional information and resources are also available at the [Situation Report](#) section of the Comprehensive Disaster Management ([CDMP](#)) website.

- 30 -

For More Information:

- **Disaster Management Information Center (DMIC)**
Mail: info@cdmp.org.bd
- **National Disaster Response Coordination Centre (NDRCC)**
Website : <http://www.dmr.gov.bd>
- **Media Inquiries:** Shumon Alam
Tel: 01714075778 Mail :Shmon.alam@cdmp.org.bd