

Iran: Earthquake

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"An earthquake with magnitude 6.4 on the Richter scale occurred on 22 Feb 2005 in Zarand, Kerman Province. Some 179 persons confirmed dead, while 500 persons have been injured."



SITUATION

Magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck in Zarand, Kerman Province, Iran on 22 February 2005. 179 persons confirmed dead, 500 persons injured, of which 300 have been transferred by helicopter to hospitals. Weather conditions--primarily heavy snowfall--complicating relief effort.

ACTION

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has not requested international assistance. Eight search and rescue teams dispatched to affected area in addition to relief teams from Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) centres in Kerman, Yazd, Baluchistan, Sistan, and Hormozgan provinces. Three helicopters provided by IRCS. National medical teams, ambulances and psychosocial support teams deployed to affected area. Bam-based UN agencies organizing assessment missions to the region. UNICEF, WHO teams mobilized. Inter-agency meeting in Tehran convening to discuss further UN country team action.

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