



NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



Press Briefing – Balochistan Earthquake

(Oct 30, 2008)

SCALE OF EARTHQUAKE

1. An earthquake measuring 6.5 on Richter Scale struck area approximately 70 KMs north/ north-east of Quetta, Balochistan at approximately 0430 hours on 29 October 2008. Another earthquake of 6.4 on Richter Scale struck the same place at 1732 hours on the same day.

AREA AFFECTED

- ❖ **Severe.** District Ziarat (Village Wachan Kawas & adjacent localities)
- ❖ **Moderate.** District Pishin (Village Toba Achakzai & adjacent localities)

DAMAGES/ LOSSES. 149 Deaths have been confirmed, toll likely to rise, however situation is likely to crystallise by today's evening. Over 370 injured. Approximately 2000 houses destroyed completely.

POPULATION AFFECTED

a.	Population Affected	-	35,600
b.	Total Families	-	4610
c.	Dead	-	149
d.	Injured	-	370

DAMAGES ASSESSMENT

Villages	Displaced Person
Toba Achakzai	-
Wam Kotli	350-400
Verchum	1000-1500
Srakhezai	400-450
Kahan	500-575
Kawas	150-200
Killi Hoshab, Khanozi	500-575
G Total	2900-3375

RESPONSE

- NDMA coordinated the relief activities with local civil and military authorities.
- **Response by Local Civil & Military Authorities.** Immediate response mounted by local civil and military authorities. Headquarters 12 Corps heli-lifted 3 x medical teams in Ziarat which are operating there since yesterday. 1 x Field Hospital each are standby at Rawalpindi and Quetta. Army and CAF troops have been moved to the affected areas which have rescued the survivors and established 2 Relief Camps where at present over 300 x people have been accommodated.

- President and Prime Minister are being updated on regular basis about the relief activities. **A coordination conference was held at 1100 hours in Ministry of Interior, which was chaired by Advisor to the PM on Interior.** Following measures have been initiated so far:-
- ❖ PM advisor on interior Mr. Rehman A. Malik was briefed about the relief efforts. Following was decided:-
 - ❖ NDMA will be the focal point for all activities related to this EQ
 - ❖ USC was asked to provide 10000 food packs with stoves in the next two days
 - ❖ Distribution of relief will be coordinated by ndma in consultation with the political leadership of Balochistan
- Constant liaison with military authorities and civil administration. Situation being continuously monitored.

AFTERSHOCKS

Pakistan Standard Time	Magnitude	Pakistan Standard Time	Magnitude
29 Oct 2008		2237 Hrs	3.7
1308 hrs	4.3	2309	4.0
1359 “	4.1	30 Oct 2008	
1544 “	3.8	0000 Hrs	4.0
1732 “	6.4	0028 “	4.6
1803 “	4.1	0109 “	3.6
1811 “	4.2	0209 “	3.6
1830 “	3.7	0349 “	3.8
1847 “	4.1	0615 “	3.5
1903 “	3.6	0707 “	3.2
1938 “	4.5	0726 “	3.6
1953 “	3.5	0940 “	2.9
2003 “	3.5	1233 “	3.5
2110 “	3.6	1316 “	4.7
2132 “	4.1	Total - 47 aftershocks	
2156 “	4.3		

Note

- Aftershocks with present frequency may likely to continue during the next 7 days or so.
- Most significant seismic event last evening was another severe earthquake of 6.4 magnitude at 1732 hours PST at the same location.
- The other significant seismic event during last night was generation of another moderate earthquake of magnitude 4.6; its epicentre was off the coast of Pasni in North Arabian Sea.
- This is another active seismic area in the country and in 1945 a powerful earthquake at this location caused generation of Tsunami and subsequent destruction in Pasni and about 3,000 deaths in Pasni.