An earthquake measuring 4.9 on the Richter scale was registered today at 10:14 AM local time (08:14 GMT) by the Jordan Earthquake Monitoring Centre.

No casualties have been reported so far.

Jordanian Government released information immediately through major TV and Radio channels about the earthquake to dispel rumours about aftershocks, which spread very quickly in the country causing some light panic in the capital at least.

As a precaution, all public schools were closed and students sent home. Some offices were temporarily evacuated for a short period of time. The functioning of non-essential services was reduced temporarily as well.

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