



IRAQ/IRAN BORDER EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

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7.3 magnitude and 19 km deep earthquake occurred at a distance of 32 km south-west of the Iraqi city of Aleppo, at a point near the Iraqi / Iranian border, at 21:19 Turkey time.

The earthquake was felt at Syria, Kuwait, Azerbaijan and the United Arab Emirates, as well as in Eastern and Southeastern Anatolia. According to the initial reports of the earthquake that 7 people lost their lives in Iraq and about 50 people were injured. In Iran, according to official news agency IRNA, 341 casualties and about 5,953 injuries were reported.

Rapid assessments conducted indicate that 8 villages in Iraq Sulaymania, 1 dam had severe damage and residents near damaged Derbendiham Dam were asked by the authorities to evacuate the nearby settlements. In addition, electricity has been cut off in Sulaymaniye and the internet and telephone connections were interrupted.

In Iran, it is reported that severe damage occurred in the Sarpol-e Zahab town of Kermanshah province 15 km away from the Iraq border. Speaking to Iranian state television, Vice Governor of Kermanshah Province, Mucteba Niykerdar; stated that they were worried that the number of dead and wounded would increase. In addition, the statement made by the Governor of Kermanshah province announced that a national mourning for 3 days was declared due to the earthquake.

Turkish Red Crescent Emergency Response Teams, led by the Turkish Red Crescent President and Director General, were deployed to the border Turkey-Iraq border crossing immediately after the earthquake on 12 November night and are now in Iraq. 55 truckloads of humanitarian supplies including 3.000 tents, 10.000 blankets, 3.000 heaters, 10.000 mattresses and 1 mobile kitchen are heading towards the affected regions in Iraq. Also, from within Iraq, the Turkish Red Crescent Delegation based in Erbil, responded, in cooperation with the Iraqi Red Crescent to those affected in Sulaymaniyah and Halabje.

Turkish Red Crescent also offered support to the Iranian Red Crescent and stands by for any request to come. Developments and situation both in Iraq and Iran are being closely monitored in coordination with the Iraqi Red Crescent Society and Iranian Red Crescent Society.

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