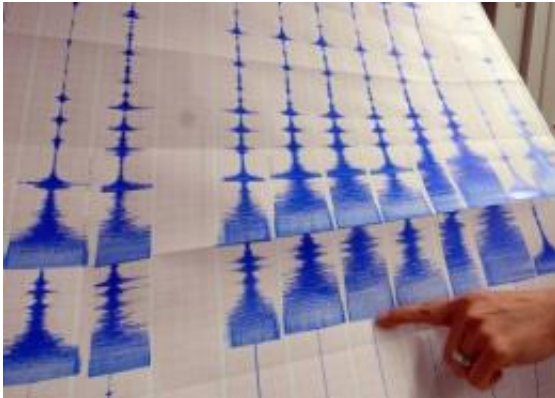


Rare quake rattles northeastern US

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File picture for illustration shows a seismologist studying earth quake data. A 4.0-magnitude earthquake struck the northeastern US state of Maine and was felt as far south as Boston and throughout New England, shocking residents unaccustomed to such tremors.

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There were no reports of damage or casualties following the quake, which struck shortly after 7:00 pm local time (2300 GMT), with its [epicenter](#) recorded at a relatively shallow 3.1 miles (five kilometers), six kilometres northeast of Waterboro, Maine .

[Twitter](#) users in Montpelier, the capital of the state of Vermont, reported feeling "sustained shaking for 10 seconds," according to the Burlington

Free Press newspaper.

Experts at the [US Geological Survey](#) put the quake as high as 4.6 on the Moment Magnitude scale before recalibrating it down to 4.0.

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