

# Strong undersea earthquake hits Indonesia

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A strong, shallow earthquake shook the seas off eastern Indonesia on Wednesday, but did not cause major damage.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the magnitude-6.1 quake occurred at a depth of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) and was centered 395 kilometers (244 miles) south of Ambon, the capital of Maluku province.

Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency official Tri Handayani said the quake was felt in many parts of the province and some parts of Dili, the capital of neighboring East Timor country, but there was no danger of a tsunami.

She said that the earthquake did not cause any major damage and there were no immediate reports of injuries.

The world's largest archipelago, Indonesia is prone to earthquakes due to its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin.

In 2004, a monster temblor off Aceh shores triggered a tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries. Most of the deaths were in Aceh.

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