

6.9-magnitude quake hits Papua New Guinea

July 17 2020

PNG earthquake

No immediate reports of serious damage

6.9-magnitude
quake, July 17
Depth: 85 km



Source: USGS



Map locating the epicenter of a 6.9-magnitude quake in PNG on Friday.

A powerful 6.9-magnitude earthquake struck eastern Papua New Guinea Friday, rocking residents across the pacific nation, the US Geological Survey reported.

The [quake](#) struck at a depth of 85 kilometres (51 miles) near the eastern coast around 150 kilometres from the capital, Port Moresby, it said.

People scrambled from office buildings in the capital after being jolted by the quake, which hit around 12:50pm local time (0250 GMT).

Reports said the quake was felt in towns and cities across a wide swathe of the country and as far as Bougainville island, 900 kilometres off the coast.

There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre initially issued a warning of potentially hazardous waves in nearby coastal areas, but later cancelled the alert.

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