

Earthquakes Strike Turkey and Syria

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BIG SANDY, Texas—On Monday, Feb. 6, a large earthquake (measured at 7.8 magnitude) struck Turkey and Syria. That quake was followed up with aftershocks, including another large quake (measured at 7.5 magnitude). The physical damage was immense, and the loss of life continued to rise.

While reading the accounts of destruction and death is hard on our system, I hope you are able to also read the heartwarming accounts of rescue that is occurring.

At this time, I want to share some headlines that reveal the progression of reporting about the event. While the list of 15 headlines of articles will include some sad information, it will also include stories of survival that may be good for your spirits.

- An article by Landon Mion titled "More Than 2,300 People Dead in Turkey, Syria After 7.8 Magnitude Earthquake" was posted at foxnews.com on Feb. 6, 2023.
- An article by Staff titled "3 Powerful Earthquakes in Turkey in 24 Hours; More Than 3,600 Killed" was posted at ndtv.com (New Delhi, India) on Feb. 6, 2023. (The first 7.8 magnitude quake wiped out entire sections of major Turkish cities; the second was a 7.5-magnitude quake; followed by dozens of aftershocks. Deaths in Turkey numbered 2,316. Deaths in Syria numbered 1,300. The number of injured in Turkey was 13,293. The number of injured in Syria was 3,411. The number of rescued in Turkey was 7,340 people.)
- An article by Chloe Louise titled "Huge Turkish Earthquake Was Felt as Far Away as Greenland [About 8 Minutes After the Main Quake Struck]" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Feb. 6, 2023.
- An article by Matthew Lodge and Chris Jewers titled "3,500 Confirmed Dead After Huge Earthquake in Turkey and Syria, but Thousands More Fatalities Feared Following Tragedy Which Left Victims 'Shaken Like a Cradle'—as Trapped Survivors Beg to Be Rescued on Facebook Live Amid Fears They Could Freeze to Death" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Feb. 6, 2023.

- An article by James Reynolds titled “Syrians ‘Knelt and Prayed Fearing It Was Judgment Day’ When 7.8 Magnitude Earthquake Hit (as Buildings Collapsed Around Them, Wreaking Destruction ‘Worse Than Anything During Civil War’)” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 6, 2023.
- An article by David Averre titled “President Erdogan Declares Seven Days of National Mourning After More Than 3,800 Killed in Terrifying Tremors” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 6, 2023.
- An article by David Averre and Lauren Haughey titled “Turkey Earthquake Recap: Erdogan Declares Three-Month-Long State of Emergency Across Southeast as WHO Warns 23 Million People Could Be Affected by the Quake—As Death Toll Rises Past 7,800” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 7, 2023.
- An article by Matthew Loh titled “Turkey’s Deadly 7.8 Magnitude Earthquake Was So Strong That Its Energy Could Power New York City for More Than 4 Days; Seismologist Says” was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Feb. 7, 2023.
- An article by Lauren Haughey titled “Heart-Wrenching Moment Sobbing Child and Baby Are Among Family Members Pulled to Safety Two Days After Quakes Hit Turkey and Syria, Leaving Them Entombed in the Wreckage of Their Home—as Death Toll Nears 8,000” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 7, 2023.
- An article by Christian Oliver titled “The Bravery of a Big Sister! Little Girl (Age 7) Is Found Protecting Her Younger Brother as They Are Rescued After 36 Hours Trapped Beneath Earthquake Rubble in Syria” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 8, 2023.
- An article by Chris Jewers titled “Buried Alive Beside His Dead Wife for Two Days: Husband Is Rescued After 48 Hours of Unimaginable Horror as Turkey-Syria Death Toll Hits 11,000—Making It the Deadliest Earthquake for a Decade” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 8, 2023.
- Pictures and an article by Gemma Parry titled “Heartwarming Pictures Show 16 Babies Pulled From the Turkish Earthquake Rubble Being Flown to Safety in the Capital on Board Erdogan’s Presidential Plane” were posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 8, 2023.
- An article by Libby Purves titled “Nothing So Powerfully Illustrates the Awesome Fortitude of Mothers Than the Dying Woman Who Gave Birth in the Rubble” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 8, 2023.
- An article by Merlyn Thomas and Nawal Al-Maghafi titled “Thousands Offer to Adopt Baby Pulled From the Rubble” was posted at [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com) on Feb. 9, 2023.
- An article by David Averre titled “Mother and Her Three Children Are Pulled Out From Rubble After 108 Hours Buried Alive in One of the Most Astonishing Rescue Stories Yet From Turkey and Syria” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 10, 2023.