



Dominican Republic - M6.5 Earthquake

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An earthquake that measured 6.5 on the Richter scale shook the Dominican Republic shortly after midnight on 22 September. The centre of the earthquake was located approximately 15 kilometres south of the town of Puerto Plata and 20 kilometres north of the town of Santiago, the second largest city in the Dominican Republic. The earthquake was felt in the capital city of Santo Domingo, but was not felt in neighbouring Haiti.

Most of the damage caused by the earthquake was structural and there were very few casualties reported. The earthquake caused two deaths, both heart attacks, and dozens of injuries. Both the Dominican Civil Defense and the Dominican Red Cross sent damage and needs assessment teams into the affected areas in order to determine the level of damage caused and the level of assistance required.

-  Epicenter
-  Capital
-  Cities

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