

6.2 magnitude earthquake rocks Pakistan, tremors felt in north India

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Islamabad: A powerful 6.2-magnitude earthquake yesterday night shook the Pakistani capital and north-western areas of the country though there were no reports of casualties.

The magnitude was recorded at 6.2 on the Richter scale by Pakistan Meteorological Department while the US Geological Survey (USGS) puts it at 5.9.

The epicentre of the quake was 86 kilometres deep and located somewhere in the border area of Afghanistan and Tajikistan, Geo news reported.

It was felt in most of areas of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab provinces.

The quake was felt in Muree, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Faisalabad, Jehlum, Sialkot, Vihari, Sahiwal, Kasur, Sargodha, Bhakkar and Shaikhupura.

The tremors also rocked Peshawar, Mansehra, Shangla, Swat, Nowshehra, Dirbala and adjoining areas.

Panic-gripped people came out of their houses to take shelter in open especially in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province where strong tremor was felt.

According to local media, several houses were damaged in Swat valley. There were no reports of casualties so far.

Tremors were also felt in Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and the national capital. There was no information about any damage to property or loss of life till the last reports came in.

Yesterday's earthquake comes nearly a month after a powerful 7.5 magnitude earthquake jolted Pakistan and northeastern Afghanistan on October 26, killing nearly 300 people.

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