

Powerful earthquake shakes Indonesia; no injuries

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It was located 205 kilometers (128 miles) northwest of the nearest city, Saumlaki, it said.

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Indonesia, a vast archipelago of 260 million people, is frequently struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis because of its location on the "Ring of Fire", an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin.

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