

Huge earthquake strikes Ring of Fire: Papua New Guinea rocked by 7.6 magnitude quake

PAPUA New Guinea has been rocked by a huge 7.5 magnitude earthquake just moments after a smaller seismic event struck Japan, increasing fears of a natural disaster impacting the dangerous region dubbed the 'Ring of Fire'.

The 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck the heart of the island near the near the Southern Highlands area, with tremors felt across the nearby region.

The phenomenon hit at a depth of 10km at roughly 4am local time (6pm GMT).

A further eleven quakes, all with an average magnitude of five, hit the island in the aftermath of the initial hit.

There is not thought to have been any damage or injuries cause by the substantial seismic event.

Papua New Guinea rests on the so-called 'Ring of Fire' - a hotbed of seismic activity surrounding a tectonic plate that spans the Pacific.

Despite the magnitude of the huge quake, officials have confirmed there is no risk of a resultant tsunami.

A statement from the US' Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said: "An Earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.6 occurred in New Guinea, Papua New Guinea at 1745 UTC on Sunday February 25, 2018.



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The huge seismic event rocked the island nation

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“Based on all available data, there is no Tsunami threat from this earthquake.”
The quake follows another seismic event in Japan, where a 5.5 magnitude earthquake struck just hours before.

Japan's earthquake occurred some 78 miles from Honshu off the island's east coast but was felt in several cities including Tokyo and Fukushima.

Tokyo and Fukushima are some 176 miles apart - equivalent to a three-and-a-half hour drive away.

But while the earthquake's centre was closer to Fukushima, where the nuclear disaster of the same name took place in 2011, the tremor was still felt further south in the island in the city of Tokyo.

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