

5.9-Magnitude Earthquake Shakes Afghanistan, Pakistan and India



Kabul, November 23 (RHC)-- A magnitude 5.9 earthquake has hit northern Afghanistan, the Indian capital New Delhi, and parts of Pakistan. The epicenter of the seismic activity, which occurred at 1816 GMT late on Sunday, was 22 kilometers southwest of Ashkasham in the Afghan province of Badakhshan, 300 kilometers northeast of the Afghan capital Kabul.

The quake hit the region at a depth of 92.4 kilometers (57 miles), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) reported. No reports of possible damage or casualties have yet been released.

Afghanistan is frequently struck by seismic activities, particularly in the Hindu Kush mountain range that stretches between central Afghanistan and northern Pakistan and lies near the junction of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates.

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