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Strong earthquake hits area, six killed in Iran

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BAGHDAD/ERBIL, Iraq (Reuters) - A strong northern Iraq and the capital Baghdad on Sunday as well as several villages across the border in Iran where state television said at least six people have been killed.



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Powerful earthquake strikes near Iraqi city of Halabja

By Darran Simon, CNN
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Story highlights

- The 7.3 tremor was felt throughout Iraq
- The earthquake centered about 217 miles from Baghdad

(CNN) — A magnitude 7.3 earthquake has hit near the Iraqi city of Halabja close to the Iraq-Iran border, according to the [US Geological Survey](#).

The temblor, centered about 350 kilometers (217 miles) north of Baghdad, was felt throughout Iraq, USGS said. The extent of any damage was not immediately available.

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BAGHDAD/ERBIL, Iraq (Reuters) - A strong earthquake hit large parts of northern Iraq and the capital Baghdad on Sunday, and also caused damage in villages across the border in Iran where state TV said at least six people had been killed.

There were no immediate reports of casualties in Iraq after the quake, whose epicenter was in Penjwin, in Sulaimaniyah province which is in the semi-autonomous Kurdistan region very close to the Iranian border, according to an Iraqi meteorology official.

But eight villages were damaged in Iran and at least six people were killed and many others injured in the border town of Qasr-e Shirin in Iran, Iranian state TV said.

The US Geological Survey said the quake measured a magnitude of 7.3, while an Iraqi meteorology official put its magnitude at 6.5 according to preliminary information.

Many residents in the Iraqi capital Baghdad rushed out of houses and tall buildings in panic.

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Indian Express — A massive earthquake of magnitude 7.3 struck Iraq on Sunday, 103 kms (64 miles) southeast of the city of As-Sulaymaniyah, the US Geological Survey said, reports Reuters. US Geological Survey initially said the quake was of a magnitude 7.2, before revising it to 7.3.

The quake has been felt in several Iranian cities and eight villages have been damaged. Electricity has also been disrupted at many places, suggest few TV reports.

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