



Earthquake – Leyte, Visayas Region, Philippines

An earthquake struck at 4:03 PM on Thursday 6 July 2017. Its magnitude is reported at 6.5 on the Richter scale. The epicenter was located on land about 8 kilometers south west of Jaro, Leyte. The depth of the earthquake was quite shallow and said to be about 2 kilometers deep.

The earthquake is reported as being tectonic in origin.

The strongest shaking was in Kananga and Jaro towns in Leyte province. However, the whole of Leyte and Samar provinces were affected by this strong earthquake. Over 100 casualties have been reported, at this early stage.

The quake triggered an electricity blackout in Eastern Visayas, Bohol and some parts of Cebu. Media reports say that the tremor affected the National Electricity Grid's Maasin – Ormoc lines in Barangay Tongonan in Ormoc City.

While damage is quite widespread it is too early to forecast the severity of losses that may fall within the insurance sector. Some serious landslides are reported.

The area affected includes Tacloban City and Ormoc City parts of which are still recovering from Super Typhoon Haiyan (Local Name: 'Yolanda') in November 2013.

One of our senior managers is already in Leyte inspecting a geothermal power complex in the area, where damage has been reported.

If you need claims assistance with regard to this earthquake, or require more information, the relevant contact details are shown on this alert.

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