



Earthquake in Labuha District, Maluku and Sulawesi Provinces, Republic of Indonesia

Type of Incidence

Earthquake

Date of Incidence

Local time near the epicenter : Thursday, 15 March 2007 10:34:13
Universal Time (UTC) : Thursday, 15 March 2007 01:34:13

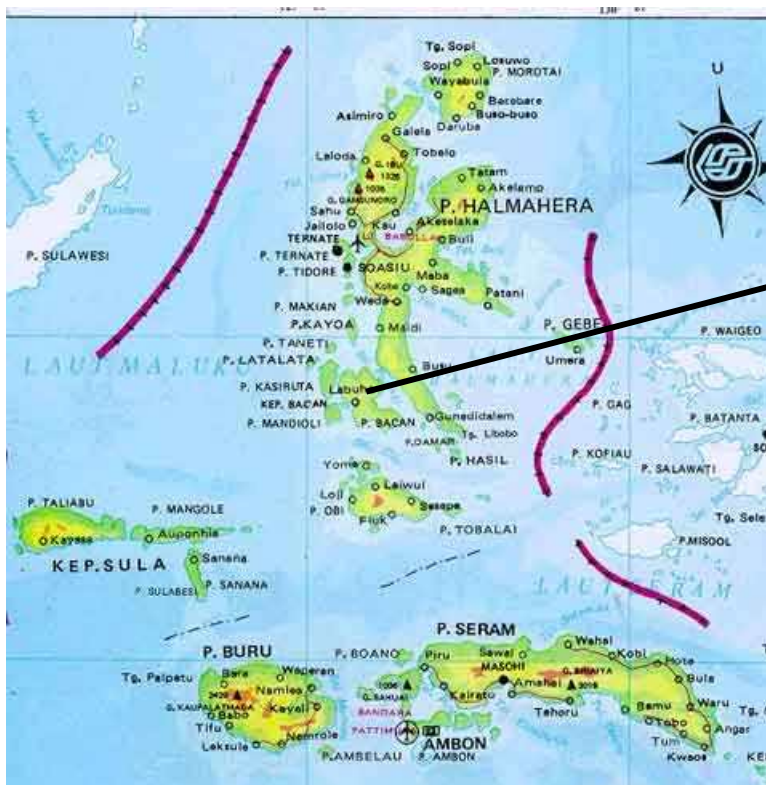
Earthquake Detail

Magnitude : 5.4 Richter scale (BMG & USGS)
Depth : 33 km (BMG); 10 km (USGS)
Epicentre : 0.866°S, 127.340°E, The Indonesian national quake centre said the epicenter was 17 km northeast Labuha City

Location

Location with respect to nearby cities:

185 km (115 miles) S of Ternate, Moluccas, Indonesia
320 km (200 miles) NNW of Ambon, Moluccas, Indonesia
1335 km (830 miles) NNW of DARWIN, Northern Territory, Australia
2385 km (1480 miles) ENE of JAKARTA, Java, Indonesia



Epicentre

Background

- Since early 2007, recorded earthquake happened in Maluku. The biggest one was on 22 February 2007 with 6.5 Richter Scale shock buildings for several minutes I north eastern Indonesia, causing minor damage. Following the 6.5 quake, 20 aftershocks occurred with magnitude ranging from 4.8 to 6 RS. The latest one was at 06:45:16 hrs local time, 5.5 RS.



- Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago, is prone to seismic upheaval due to its location on the so-called Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines encircling the Pacific Basin. Maluku is prone area to earthquake.

Current Situation & Impact

General

- No building reported collapsed or damaged due to the earthquake.

Electricity & Communication

- Electricity and phone lines were temporary cut off, but now its already in a normal function regarding the short quake shock.

Community

- People were panic when the quake hit the location. People flee from the buildings: school, offices, hospital, etc.

Casualties

- There was no casualties in the incident. A few minor injuries reported.

WHO – MOH Action

- WHO, in close communication with Crisis Centre MOH and Regional Crisis Centre, is on alert while monitoring the situation.

Status of International Aid

No international assistance was requested as local government has the capacity to response to the situation.

Contact people in Indonesia

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Source of Information from Indonesia

Information is gathered from the following sources. This report is for reference only and should not be quoted as factual accuracy can change.

- WHO
- UN system
- Crisis Center (PPK)
- BMG
- BAKORNAS
- Local news media.