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Three-month state of emergency declared in Turkey – 9th February 2023

Level 0

There is a three-month emergency in Turkey after two deadly earthquakes. They are two of the biggest quakes ever in Turkey. Many people in Turkey and Syria have died. Many buildings are damaged. Turkey's president warned of many aftershocks. Search and rescue teams are trying to reach the disaster areas.

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Level 1

There is a three-month state of emergency in Turkey after two deadly earthquakes. The powerful quakes hit nine hours apart. The first was a magnitude 7.5 and the second was 7.8. They are two of the biggest quakes ever in Turkey. They caused a lot of death and damage in Turkey and Syria. Turkey's president warned of a "large number of aftershocks". Search and rescue teams are trying to reach the disaster areas. The conditions and weather are terrible.

The world is giving support to Turkey and Syria. The EU sent 1,150 rescue workers. Emergency teams are giving essential health care for the injured people. Mexico sent a team of dogs who are experts in finding survivors. The U.S. president was "deeply saddened by the loss of life". He promised to give "any help that is needed". Germany said: "We mourn with the victims and fear for those buried." Syria has already suffered for years from war.

Level 2

Turkey will have a three-month state of emergency across areas hit by Monday's deadly earthquakes. Two very powerful quakes hit Turkey nine hours apart. The first was a magnitude 7.5; the second registered 7.8 on the Richter scale. They are two of the biggest earthquakes ever to hit Turkey. They caused huge loss of life and damage in Turkey and in Syria. Turkey's president warned of a "large number of aftershocks". He said: "Our teams are working to reach the disaster areas....We are rapidly continuing the search and rescue operations...despite...the terrible weather."

The international community has given support to Turkey and Syria. The EU sent more than 1,150 rescue workers. Emergency teams will give "essential health care to the injured and most vulnerable people". Mexico sent a team of dogs and rescuers who are experts in finding survivors in the rubble. The U.S. president was "deeply saddened by the loss of life...caused by the earthquakes". He promised to give "any help that is needed". Germany said: "We mourn with the victims and fear for those buried." Syria will also get a lot of help. It has already suffered for years from war.

Level 3

Turkey's President Erdogan has declared a three-month state of emergency across areas hit by Monday's deadly earthquakes. Two extremely powerful quakes hit Turkey just nine hours apart. The first quake was a magnitude 7.5; the second registered 7.8 on the Richter scale. They are among the biggest earthquakes ever to hit Turkey. They caused huge loss of life and damage in southeast Turkey and in neighbouring Syria. President Erdogan warned of the danger of a "large number of aftershocks". He said: "Our teams are working to reach the disaster areas....We are rapidly continuing the search and rescue operations...despite the difficulty of the conditions and the terrible weather."

The international community has promised support for Turkey and Syria. The EU has sent more than 1,150 rescue workers. Emergency medical teams will provide "essential health care for the injured and most vulnerable people affected by the earthquakes". Mexico has sent a team of dogs and rescuers who are experts in locating survivors in the rubble. U.S. President Joe Biden said he was "deeply saddened by the loss of life and devastation caused by the earthquakes". He promised to give "any help that is needed". Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "We mourn with the victims and fear for those buried." Syria will also receive a lot of help. It has already suffered for years from war.