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## I. HIGHLIGHTS

- An 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck western Iran at 19:37 (local time) on 25 November 2018
- There were an estimated 170 casualties; the majority of reported injuries were non-life threatening
- Tremors felt throughout central and north-eastern Iraq; no damage reported

## II. Situation Overview

An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter Scale struck Sarpol-e Zahab, Kermanshah Province in western Iran at 19:37 (local time) on 25 November 2018. More than 50 aftershocks have been recorded.

An estimated 170 people in Iran were reported injured; however, injuries were generally light as the earthquake took place during period when most people were still awake and able to easily evacuate. Some damage to buildings in both cities and in rural Kermanshah was reported, and damaged electricity infrastructure caused power outages.



Iranian authorities deployed six rescue teams, and the country's military services and the Iranian Red Crescent are responding. No request for international assistance has been made at this time

Tremors and aftershocks were felt in the surrounding region, and throughout central and north-eastern Iraq as well, including Baghdad, Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah, Erbil and parts of Salah al-Din. There were reports of some hospitalizations in Sulaymaniyah and Kirkuk provinces, due to panic attacks, and two reported deaths. No major structural damage in Iraq has been reported.

Kermanshah Province was the site of a previous earthquake in November 2017. The 7.3 magnitude quake killed more than 600 people in Iran and injured thousands of others. The province was also the locus of a 6.1 magnitude earthquake in August 2018.

Iran sits on top of two tectonic plates and experiences frequent seismic activity.

## III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

None expected at this time.

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