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# EARTHQUAKE 2015



St. John's Cathedral, Peshawar Cantt.



All Saints' Church, Peshawar, City

“and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven”: Luke 21:11

A massive earthquake of magnitude 8.1 struck Pakistan on October, 26, 2015 at around 2:09-10 PM. It jolted the whole country from one end to other. This earthquake is believed to be most severe in the history of the country. The epicenter was the Hindukash mountain range in Afghanistan.

People have not yet forgotten the earthquake of October 8, 2005 of 7.6 magnitude, and as a result around 100000 lost their lives and millions loss their homes. However, we are thankful to God for His mercy that this earthquake even of the higher magnitude than the previous one caused minimum damage compared to the earthquake, 2005. Nevertheless, earthquake is a earthquake and 272 people lost their lives and over 1,909 people were injured. Most of the houses which were totally/partially damaged were of the poor people (mostly mud houses) living in the

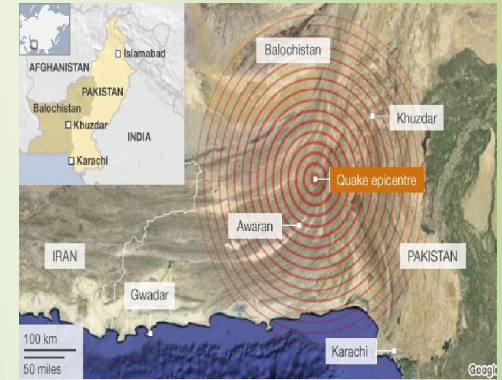
mountainous/remote areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. The people living in major cities such as Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi,

Quetta, Malakand, Kohat and Peshawar were also affected, and a good number of old buildings were damaged as well.

It is pertinent to mention that by the Grace of God the Christian community survived through this earthquake unhurt, **but there are reports about damaged/partially damaged property/houses, including a few churches, Schools and Hospitals.**

The Diocese of Peshawar has sent teams to assess the damage, and to help and rehabilitate Affectees of the Earthquake without discrimination of religion, caste or creed. The spadework is in progress and hopefully soon a Full-fledge programme to reach the unreached will be materialized by the Diocese.

*Kindly pray for the Earthquake affectees and the Diocesan efforts for their rehabilitation.*



Map of epicenter



Earthquake destruction in Images