

Destructive Earthquake hit Philippines

Over 200 people died after the magnitude-7.1 earthquake in the central Philippines. The massive quake also destroyed more 8,600 homes in Quezon City. The bulk of the casualties were in Bohol province. The quake was centered about 620 kilometers (385 miles) south-southeast of Manila, near Catigbian, and its depth was 20 kilometers (12 miles). The quake hit on a national holiday in the Philippines, at the beginning of the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. Landslides were reported in some areas. More than 8,500 homes were destroyed and nearly 26,000 were damaged. The quake has affected nearly 3.5 million people across six provinces. More than 370,000 people were forced from their homes in the worst-affected Bohol province. Government buildings and infrastructure, including roads and bridges, have also suffered damage.