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At least 304 people have been killed after a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck southwest Haiti, reducing buildings to rubble and sending terrified residents running out of their homes. In a news conference on Saturday evening, the head of the country’s civil protection agency, Jerry Chandler, said 304 people had been confirmed dead – up from an initial toll of 29 – while at least 1,800 others were injured. Chandler told reporters 160 of the deaths were reported in Haiti’s southern department; 42 were in Nippes; 100 were in Grand Anse, and two were in the country’s northwest. “The first interventions, carried out both by professional rescuers and members of the population, made it possible to extract several people from the rubble. Hospitals continue to receive the wounded,” the agency also said on Twitter. The earthquake struck on Saturday morning 12km (7.4 miles) northeast of Saint-Louis du Sud, on Haiti’s southern Tiburon Peninsula, at a shallow depth of 10km (6.2 miles), the United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported. It is the latest crisis to befall the Caribbean nation, which is struggling amid widespread gang violence and ongoing political instability in the aftermath of the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse last month. “I saw bodies being pulled out of the rubble, injured and perhaps dead people,” said Les Cayes resident Jean Marie Simon, 38, who was at the market when the earthquake struck and ran home to see if his family was safe. “I heard cries of pain everywhere I passed through.” Haiti’s new prime minister, Ariel Henry, declared a one-month state of emergency after what he described on Twitter as a “violent quake” and said he would mobilise all available government resources to help victims. “We will make the necessary arrangements to assist those affected by the earthquake,” Henry tweeted. “The government will declare a state of emergency. We will act quickly.” Notable quake, preliminary info: M 7.2 – 12 km NE of Saint-Louis du Sud, Haiti — USGS Earthquakes (@USGS Quakes) August 14, 2021 The European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC) also reported a quake in the region, saying it was recorded a magnitude of 7.6, while Cuba’s seismological centre said it registered a magnitude of 7.4. The USGS issued a tsunami warning, saying waves of up to 3 metres (nearly 10 feet) were possible along the coastline of Haiti, but it soon lifted the warning. Shocks were felt throughout Haiti and in neighbouring Caribbean countries. “Lots of homes are destroyed, people are dead and some are at the hospital,” Christella Saint Hilaire, who lives near the epicentre, told the AFP news agency. Residents shared images on social media of frantic efforts to pull people from the ruins of caved-in buildings while screaming bystanders sought safety in the streets outside their homes. “Houses and their surrounding walls have collapsed. The roof of the cathedral has fallen down,” resident Job Joseph told AFP from the hard-hit city of Jeremie on Haiti’s far western end. Crises undermine disaster response Haiti, an impoverished country, is vulnerable to earthquakes and hurricanes. In 2018, it was struck by a magnitude 5.9 earthquake that killed more than 12 people, and a magnitude 7.1 quake damaged much of the capital in 2010 and killed an estimated 200,000 people. “Today brings back the trauma of the 2010 earthquake that tore Haiti apart. This deadly quake has destroyed homes and infrastructure in some of Haiti’s most vulnerable and marginalised communities,” Angeline Amnestus, country director of ActionAid Haiti, said in a statement. “Women and girls are already bearing the brunt of the multiple crises facing Haiti, including rising hunger, political instability and gang violence. The devastating fallout from this earthquake could push many more families into poverty and hunger,” Amnestus said. The earthquake on Saturday struck more than a month after Moïse was killed by a crew of mercenaries at his home in the capital, Port-au-Prince, sending a country already battling poverty, spiralling gang violence and COVID-19 into political chaos. Jeremy Dupin, a journalist and filmmaker based in Port-au-Prince, told Al Jazeera that Haiti’s existing problems will severely undermine the response to the disaster. “The epicentre is four hours’ drive away [from Port-au-Prince] and it is going to take a lot of time for support to arrive,” Dupin said. “Communications in some places are paralysed, and there are very limited electricity services in [the affected areas] right now,” he added. Haiti is particularly vulnerable to earthquakes and hurricanes [Delot Jean/AP Photo] He said footage on social media appears to show people trapped under rubble with no rescue teams on the ground. “In [affected] communities people are just trying to help each other, and it is a very upsetting situation right now,” he said. US President Joe Biden approved “immediate” aid for Haiti on Saturday, a senior White House official said, and named the head of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), Samantha Power, to coordinate the effort. ‘Years to fix things’ But Haiti is still recovering from the 2010 earthquake. More than 1.5 million Haitians were made homeless, leaving island authorities and the international humanitarian community with a colossal challenge in a country lacking a land registry or building codes. Hôtel Le Manguier in Okay, #Haiti is “completely flattened” and it’s owner, former Senator Gabriel Fortune, was reportedly in the building when the 7.2 earthquake struck the city earlier today. pic.twitter.com/tFhzGZgWio — HaitiInfoProj (@HaitiInfoProj) August 14, 2021 The earthquake destroyed hundreds of thousands of homes, as well as administrative buildings and schools, not to mention 60 percent of Haiti’s healthcare system. The rebuilding of the country’s main hospital remains incomplete, and nongovernmental organisations have struggled to make up for the state’s many shortfalls. Hospitals in the regions hardest hit by Saturday’s quake were already struggling to provide emergency care, with at least three in the municipalities of Pesteil, Corailles and Roseaux totally full with patients, according to Chandler, the civil protection agency head. “This country just never finds a break! Each year of mismanagement did not hurt but the cumulative effects made us vulnerable to everything,” said Haitian entrepreneur Marc Alain Boucicault on Twitter. “Its going to take years to fix things and we have not even started!” Meanwhile, the National Hurricane Center has forecast that Tropical Storm Grace will reach Haiti late Monday night or early Tuesday morning. Catholic priest Freddy Elie, who began working with the Mission in Haiti Congregation after the 2010 earthquake, told The Associated Press news agency that access to the affected area is hindered by criminal gangs and was pleading for help. “It’s time to open the road to those who want to help ... They need help from all of us,” Elie said. In Port-au-Prince, residents traumatised by the 2010 earthquake rushed, screaming, into the streets and stayed there as the aftershocks rumbled on. “In my neighbourhood, I heard people screaming. They were flying outside,” said resident Sephora Pierre Louis. “At least they know to go outside. In 2010, they didn’t know what to do. People are still outside in the street.” Another resident of the capital, 34-year-old Naomi Verneus, said she was jolted awake by the earthquake, which shook her bed. “I woke up and didn’t have time to put my shoes on. We lived the 2010 earthquake and all I could do was run. I later remembered my two kids and my mother were still inside. My neighbour went in and told them to get out. We ran to the street,” Verneus said. Source: Al Jazeera and news agencies A powerful earthquake struck Haiti on Saturday morning, killing at least 304 people and leaving hundreds of others hurt, authorities said. The 7.2 magnitude quake was strong enough to be felt in neighboring countries.Haitian officials said more than 1,800 people were injured in the disaster, some of whom were being treated in hospitals in the three most affected communities.The epicenter of the quake was 7.5 miles northeast of Saint-Louis du Sud, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. That’s about 78 miles west of the capital, Port-au-Prince.“High casualties are probable and the disaster is likely widespread,” the USGS said. “Past events with this alert level have required a national or international level response.” A tsunami warning was issued immediately after the quake but later lifted.Residents shared images on social media of the ruins of concrete buildings, which AFP reports included a church in which a ceremony was apparently underway in the southwestern town of Les Anglais. Part of the Sacred Heart church in Les Cayes and the home of the bishop there also collapsed. Sacred Heart church in Les Cayes, Haiti, is damaged after an earthquake on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Delot Jean / AP People in the capital city of Port-au-Prince felt the tremor and many rushed into the streets in fear.Naomi Verneus, a 34-year-old resident of Port-au-Prince, said she was jolted awake by the earthquake and that her bed was shaking.“I woke up and didn’t have time to put my shoes on. We lived the 2010 earthquake and all I could do was run. I later remembered my two kids and my mother were still inside. My neighbor went in and told them to get out. We ran to the street,” Verneus said. People look at damaged buildings in Jeremie, Haiti, after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the country on August 14, 2021. Stringer/Anadolu Agency via Getty Images Haiti was previously devastated by a massive earthquake on January 12, 2010, which was one of the deadliest natural disasters in the history of the Western Hemisphere. That magnitude 7.0 quake near Port-au-Prince killed an estimated 250,000 people, and the island is still recovering. 8:02 PM / August 14, 2021 A landslide triggered by the earthquake blocked National Road 7, according to Haiti’s Civil Protection Service. The highway, which connects Les Cayes and Jérémie, was cut off near the Glace River, it said. “An operation is underway to restore circulation,” the Civil Protection Service said Saturday afternoon. Updated 7:05 PM / August 14, 2021 The death toll from the earthquake has increased to at least 304, and more than 1,800 others have been reported wounded, Haiti’s Civil Protection Service tweeted. It called those figures a “partial assessment.” Officials in Haiti held a briefing Saturday evening with the latest updates.The Civil Protection Service said 160 of the deaths were reported in Sud, the department that includes the city of Les Cayes; 100 in Grand’Anse, whose capital is Jérémie; 42 in Nippes, and 2 in Nord-Ouest. Some of those injured have been taken to local hospitals, they said. 6:24 PM / August 14, 2021 There have so far been four aftershocks in Haiti of magnitude 5 or greater since the massive earthquake Saturday morning, and more are expected to come in the coming days and weeks, according to geophysicist William Barnhart with the U.S. Geological Survey. He said aftershocks should decrease in frequency and magnitude over time. “There will continue to be aftershocks and there will be aftershocks that people will feel in that region and could potentially cause continued damage to buildings,” Barnhart told CBS’s Tom Hanson on Saturday. Barnhart said that, similar to the earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010, Saturday’s quake was shallow, “so that means that the ground shaking from this earthquake would have been quite extreme.”He said the USGS issued a red alert as a result of the earthquake, and that it estimates the death toll from the quake could exceed 10,000 based on an estimate of ground shaking and how many people were exposed to the earthquake. Barnhart said the country could potentially lose between 6 to 60% of its GDP in economic losses. Haiti struck by deadly earthquake 06:45 4:00 PM / August 14, 2021 The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) says it has teams on the ground to assist children and families affected by the earthquake. “We are deeply saddened by the reports of casualties and heavy damage following the earthquake earlier today in Haiti,” Bruno Maes, UNICEF Representative in Haiti, said in a statement, CBS News’ Pamela Falk reports. “UNICEF is working with Government and non-government partners to provide support to affected communities. We stand in solidarity with families and children during this difficult time.”U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres said on Twitter that his “heart goes out to all affected by the earthquake,” and that the U.N. is working to support rescue and relief efforts. I am following the latest unfolding tragedy in Haiti. My heart goes out to all affected by the earthquake. My deepest condolences to all who have lost family and friends. The @UN is working to support rescue and relief efforts.— António Guterres (@antonioguterres) August 14, 2021 3:46 PM / August 14, 2021 The earthquake death toll has increased to 227, and hundreds of others are wounded and missing, Haiti’s Civil Protection Service tweeted. The Civil Protection Service said many victims were able to be pulled from the rubble and that hospitals continue to receive injured survivors. 3:41 PM / August 14, 2021 Members of Haiti’s government, including the minister of defense and Prime Minister Ariel Henry, are surveying disaster areas by helicopter for the first assessment of the damage, the ministry of defense tweeted Saturday. 2:58 PM / August 14, 2021 Haiti’s Prime Minister Ariel Henry says local hospitals “are overwhelmed with wounded, fractured people” in wake of the earthquake. The Associated Press reports. “The needs are enormous,” he said. “We must take care of the injured and fractured, but also provide food, aid, temporary shelter and psychological support.” Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry speaks during a press conference in Port-au-Prince on August 14, 2021, after an earthquake struck the southwest peninsula of the country. REGINALD LOUISSAINT JRA/AFP via Getty Images Henry said the International Red Cross and hospitals in areas unaffected by the earthquake were helping to care for the injured. The Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance at the U.S. Agency for International Development said disaster experts are at the scene assessing the damage and needs. A building damaged by the earthquake in Les Cayes, Haiti, on August 14, 2021. Reuters Updated 6:24 PM / August 14, 2021 Earthquake recovery could be complicated by Tropical Storm Grace, which the National Hurricane Center says may impact the island with rain and wind Monday night. Four to seven inches of rainfall are being predicted for Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which could bring flash flooding and trigger landslides.“There is a risk of wind and rainfall impacts across the rest of the Dominican Republic, Haiti, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the Bahamas, and Florida next week, and interests in those areas should monitor the progress of Grace and updates to the forecast,” the center wrote in an advisory Saturday. It added that “additional watches and warnings will likely be required for this area.” Here are the 5 PM AST, August 14th Key Messages for Tropical Storm #Grace. Latest Info: pic.twitter.com/vPEMcCwMwV— National Hurricane Center (@NHC Atlantic) August 14, 2021 Tropical storm watches and warnings are in effect for areas including the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts and Nevis among others. 1:22 PM / August 14, 2021 Haiti’s prime minister, Dr. Ariel Henry, declared a state of emergency which will last for one month in response to the earthquake. “We will make the necessary arrangements to assist people affected by the earthquake in the Southern Peninsula,” Henry wrote on Twitter. “We must show a lot of solidarity with regard to the emergency.” People look at damage from the earthquake in Les Cayes, Haiti, on August 14, 2021. Reuters Updated 4:56 PM / August 14, 2021 The White House said President Biden and Vice President Harris were briefed on the situation in Haiti by national security adviser Jake Sullivan and Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Mr. Biden authorized an immediate U.S. response and named USAID Administrator Samantha Power as the senior U.S. official to coordinate the effort.“In what is already a challenging time for the people of Haiti, I am saddened by the devastating earthquake that occurred in Saint-Louis du Sud, Haiti this morning,” Mr. Biden said in a statement. “We send our deepest condolences to all those who lost a loved one or saw their homes and businesses destroyed.” 12:20 PM / August 14, 2021 Prime Minister Ariel Henry said on Twitter that the “violent quake” had caused loss of life and damage in various parts of the country. He said he would mobilize all available government resources to help victims and appealed to Haitians to unify as they “confront this dramatic situation in which we’re living right now.The quake comes just over a month after President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated in his home by a team of gunmen, shaking a country already battling poverty, spiraling gang violence and COVID-19. 11:33 AM / August 14, 2021 Videos and images posted to social media appear to show chaotic scenes in Haiti after the powerful earthquake. Some images posted on social media — which CBS News could not immediately verify — showed homes and part of a church in the town of Jeremie reduced to rubble. Tranbleman jeremie pic.twitter.com/Ak2219RZOe— JCOM Haiti (@JCOMHaiti) August 14, 2021 Another video from the town appears to show a woman writhing in pain with the caption: “Hospitals are overwhelmed and there is a lack of staff to provide first aid to the victims.” La population jérémiennne cri aussi à l’aide après le séisme de ce matin. Les hôpitaux sont débordés et le personnel est en manque pour prodiguer les premiers soins aux victimes. @MispOfficial pic.twitter.com/rndiqNLSW— Radio Télé Métropole (@Radio Metronome) August 14, 2021 Another video appears to show panicked residents running through the streets. Mezammi bagay la sanble ka vinn pi grave... Dio komanse monte lan sud. #sunami pic.twitter.com/78Z0dI76qV— @chefstanleyfabre (@ACHENACTION) August 14, 2021 11:04 AM / August 14, 2021 Residents in Haiti described a scene of chaos and destruction after the earthquake struck.“Lots of homes are destroyed, people are dead and some are at the hospital,” Christella Saint Hilaire, who lives near the epicenter, told AFP. “Everyone is in the street now and the shocks keep coming.”Naomi Verneus, a 34-year-old resident of Port-au-Prince, said she was jolted awake by the earthquake and that her bed was shaking.“I woke up and didn’t have time to put my shoes on. We lived the 2010 earthquake and all I could do was run. I later remembered my two kids and my mother were still inside. My neighbor went in and told them to get out. We ran to the street,” Verneus said. 10:42 AM / August 14, 2021 The U.S. Geological Survey issued a red alert for shaking-related deaths after the powerful earthquake.“High casualties are probable and the disaster is likely widespread,” the USGS said. “Past events with this alert level have required a national or international level response.”The USGS notes that structures in Haiti are especially vulnerable to earthquake shaking.“The predominant vulnerable building types are mud wall and adobe block construction,” the survey said. 10:34 AM / August 14, 2021 The powerful 7.2-magnitude quake that struck Haiti Saturday caused multiple deaths, local authorities said.“I can confirm that there are deaths, but I don’t yet have an exact toll,” Jerry Chandler, Haiti’s director of civil protection, told AFP. “We’re still collecting information.”He said the country’s emergency operations center had been activated and Prime Minister Ariel Henry was headed there. how much damage was done in the haiti earthquake. what damage was caused by the haiti earthquake. what damage did the haiti earthquake cause

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