

7.0-magnitude earthquake strikes in Mexico near Acapulco; 1 reported dead

The earthquake was felt in Mexico City, which is around 180 miles from Acapulco. One death was reported in Guerrero state.

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck north of coastal resort city of Acapulco, Mexico, on Tuesday, killing at least one person, officials said.

Buildings swayed in Mexico City, the country's capital some 180 miles north of Acapulco. There were no immediate reports of major damage.

Guerrero state Gov. Hector Astudillo told Milenio Television late Tuesday night that one person had been killed by a falling post in the town of Coyuca de Benitez near Acapulco, according to The Associated Press.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said in a video earlier Tuesday night that the damage appeared limited. He said there were rock slides near Acapulco, which is on the Pacific coast. Images showed some damaged buildings in Acapulco, including storefronts and cars damaged by falling bricks or poles.



Damaged cars outside a hotel after an earthquake in Acapulco, Mexico, on Wednesday. Francisco Robles / AFP - Getty Images

The earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.0, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It had a depth of around 20 kilometers, or around 12 miles, which is a shallow earthquake, it said.

Authorities said 92 aftershocks were felt in the hours after the initial quake hit.

The earthquake was felt in Mexico City, where some areas lost power. About 1.6 million people were left without power as of Tuesday evening, the Federal Electricity Commission said in a statement. The mayor said there were no reports of major damage in the capital and no injuries reported.

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En #Chilapa aún no sabemos cuántas afectaciones a construcciones haya después del sismo, ojalá solo sea susto y todos en casa se encuentren bien y puedan comunicarse con sus familias. #Sismo #Temblor #Guerrero

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Park Royal Beach Acapulco, a resort, told NBC News that it felt the earthquake and that no injuries were reported but that staff members were checking hotels to make sure.

In Chilapa in Guerrero state, video appeared to show bricks and other material in the street next to a damaged building.

The earthquake was initially reported as magnitude 7.4, which was revised to 7.0.

Mexico is no stranger to strong earthquakes. In 1985, a huge temblor struck the Mexican capital, killing thousands of people.

The ground shook for nearly a minute in some parts of Mexico City, but the quake was less evident in other parts of the country, the AP reported. Some people evacuated their buildings briefly, but most quickly went back inside on the rainy night. Several neighborhoods were without electricity, the mayor said.

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