

China earthquake kills dozens as tremors shake locked-down Chengdu

Deadly quake in Sichuan leaves at least 65 dead, and was also felt in provincial capital where millions are confined to their homes

At least 65 people have been killed in a strong earthquake that struck south-western China and was felt by millions of people confined to their homes under a strict Covid lockdown in Chengdu.

The 6.6-magnitude quake hit about 26 miles (43km) south-east of the city of Kangding at a depth of about six miles, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said that 17 people died in Ya'an city, while 29 deaths were reported in neighbouring Ganzi prefecture.

"Another 16 people were missing and 50 were injured," CCTV said late on Monday.

Tremors also shook buildings in the Sichuan provincial capital of Chengdu and the nearby city of Chongqing.

One resident, Chen, said: "I felt it quite strongly and some of my neighbours on the ground floor said they felt it very noticeably.

"But because Chengdu is under epidemic management, people aren't allowed to leave their residential compounds, so many of them rushed out into their courtyards."

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