Earthquakes kill over 2,000 in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD – Powerful earthquakes killed at least 2,000 people in western Afghanistan, a Taliban government spokesman said Sunday. It's one of the deadliest earthquakes to strike the country in two decades.

The figures couldn't be independently verified.

The magnitude 6.3 earthquake was followed by strong aftershocks on Saturday, a spokesperson for the country's national disaster management authority said.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake's epicenter was about 25 miles northwest of Herat city. It was followed by three very strong aftershocks, measuring magnitude 6.3, 5.9 and 5.5, as well as lesser shocks.

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