

Small tsunami waves reach Vanuatu after 7.0 magnitude earthquake

Pacific tsunami warning centre said waves were possible after the strong quake hit off New Caledonia



Nervous residents reported feeling several tremors throughout the night before the quake hit. Photograph: Auscape/ UIG via Getty Images

Vanuatu and New Caledonia were hit by small tsunami waves after an undersea earthquake of magnitude 7.0 struck 82 kms (51 miles) east of the Loyalty Islands in the South Pacific.

The quake, initially reported as magnitude 7.3, was the second major tremor in the same area in less than 24 hours and the third in the past month.

It struck at 9.43am local time (2243 Sunday GMT) at a shallow depth of 10km (six miles), east of the remote Loyalty Islands, the United States Geological Survey said.

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