

## Tsunami warning in Indonesia after strong earthquake of magnitude 6.9

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A strong earthquake measuring 6.9 was recorded in Indonesian waters on Sunday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) reported, generating a tsunami warning.

The epicenter of the quake was located 24 kilometers deep in the Moluccas Sea in the north of the Celebes and Moluccas, according to the USGS.

The Indonesian geophysical agency issued a tsunami warning for nearby coastal areas. There was no immediate information of damages or victims, but the inhabitants of the

city of Ternante in the province of Moluca Norte described moments of panic when the earthquake was recorded.

"I was ready to go to sleep when the window began to hit," Budi Nurgianto told AFP. "It was very strong, I ran out of my house and all my neighbors did the same," he added.

Indonesia, an archipelago formed by 17,000 islands and islets that was formed by the convergence of three large tectonic plates (the Indo-Pacific, the Australian and the Eurasian) is located in the Pacific Ring of Fire, an area of strong seismic activity.

Last year, an earthquake of magnitude 7.5 followed by a tsunami in Palu, on the island of Celebes, left more than 2,200 dead and thousands of disappeared. On December 26, 2004, a magnitude 9.1 earthquake off the coast of Sumatra caused a devastating tsunami in the entire region that killed 220,000 people, including 168,000 in Indonesia.