



# 2025 TIBET EARTHQUAKE: A FACT SHEET

The **7.1 magnitude earthquake** that struck Tibet's Dingri County on 7 January killed at least **126** and Injured over **337** Tibetans.

*As of 11 January 2025 - Click on the links for detailed information*

## 1 TIMELINE

- On 7 January 2025, a devastating **7.1 magnitude** earthquake struck Shigatse's Dingri County and surrounding towns and counties including Dramtso, Chulo, Tsogo, Sakya and Ngamring in Tibet.
- It triggered over 500 aftershocks with over **126 confirmed fatalities** and hundreds of injuries, reported as of 9 January 2025, with the fatalities number continuing to rise. It destroyed **more than 3,600 homes**.
- His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) led by Sikyong Penpa Tsering expressed **deep sorrow and offered prayers**, while survivors faced additional challenges from sub-zero temperatures.
- The situation was further complicated when a **second earthquake measuring 5.5 magnitude struck Mateo County** in Amdo Golog Prefecture on 8 January;



### [Complete Timeline](#)

## 2 INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Many high-level government representatives and institutions issued formal statements of condolence and support. These included heads of state from France, and Japan, as well as senior diplomatic officials from the United States, India, and other nations.



### [Tibet Solidarity Statements](#)

## 3 MEDIA COVERAGE

The earthquake has drawn extensive international media coverage. These demonstrate consistent reporting of core details which varied in emphasis

Western media included context about Tibet's political status and religious significance, while Asian media focused more on immediate impacts and rescue efforts. The reporting also reflected geopolitical sensitivities through varying usage of Chinese administrative names versus traditional Tibetan place names.



### [Media Coverage](#)

## 4 CALL FOR ACTIONS

The CTA calls upon the **PRC government** to:

1. **Provide timely emergency rescue** and rehabilitation service along with medical aid;
2. **Grant unrestricted access** for international aid organisations to affected areas;
3. **Ensure transparent reporting** and accountability in casualty numbers and relief efforts;
4. **Guarantee adequate post-earthquake rebuilding efforts** and disaster preparedness, especially in earthquake-prone regions in Tibet.

The CTA appeals to the **International community** to:

1. **Assist in relief**, recovery and rebuilding efforts;
2. **Continue to spotlight** the critical situation inside Tibet;
3. **Ensure respect for Tibetan cultural identity** in media reporting and refrain from usage of Chinese propaganda terminology i.e., Xizang and Xigatze.