
BNO NEWS: ROMANIA EARTHQUAKE: 5.6 TREMOR FELT IN BUCHAREST, BULGARIA AND MOLDOVA

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Bucharest. An earthquake (cutremur) with a preliminary magnitude of 5.6 has struck near Focşani in eastern Romania, with shaking felt as far away as the capital Bucharest and parts of nearby countries, including Bulgaria, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine, BNO News announced.

The earthquake, which struck at 1:20 a.m. local time on Wednesday, was centered about 11 kilometers northeast of Nereju in Vrancea County, or 47 kilometers east of Focşani and 140 kilometers northeast of Bucharest. It struck at a depth of about 81 kilometers.

The U.S. Geological Survey put the preliminary magnitude of Wednesday's earthquake at 5.6, while Romania's seismological agency INFP put the magnitude at 5.4. Shaking was felt across a large region and many people said the earthquake was strong enough to wake them up.

There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties but we're working to gather more information.

"The earthquake was pretty long and strong," said a resident in Galaţi, which is about 117 kilometers from the earthquake's epicenter. Two residents in Bucharest described the quake as two clear jolts that were felt about 20 seconds apart.

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