

WAJD News Alert: M6.1 Earthquake Near Kermadec Islands

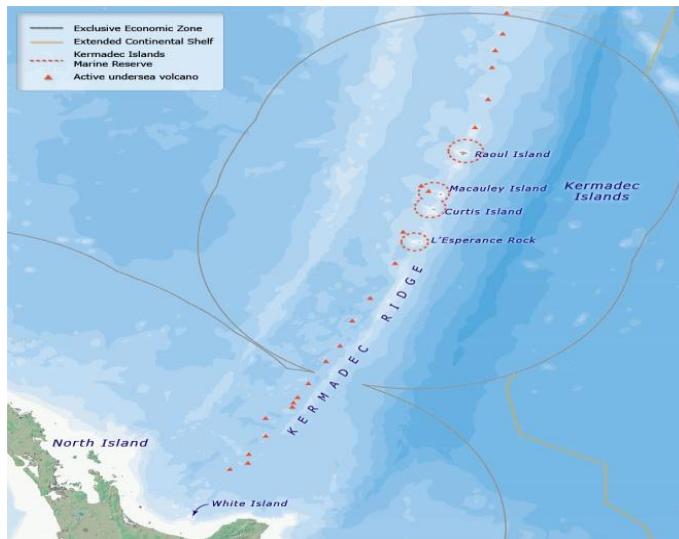


A **magnitude 6.1** earthquake struck in the Kermadec Islands region of **New Zealand** on **Feb 4, 2026**, at about **10:39 UTC**, with a **deep depth (~184 km / 114 miles)**.

Why this matters

Because this quake was **deep-focus**, reports indicated **no immediate damage** and **no tsunami warnings** at the time of early updates. (Deep earthquakes often reduce the most intense surface shaking compared with shallow quakes.)

Where is the Kermadecs region?



The Kermadec Islands sit along a volcanic/tectonic chain tied to the **Kermadec Ridge**, stretching between New Zealand and **Tonga.

What to watch next

- **Aftershocks:** It's normal to see additional quakes after a strong event in this region.
- **Official updates:** Track verified updates from **USGS** and **GeoNet**.
- **Tsunami guidance:** If a tsunami advisory were ever issued for the wider Pacific, follow **Pacific Tsunami Warning Center** guidance and local emergency agencies.

Faith reflection

When the earth shakes, it reminds us how temporary “stable ground” can feel—but God is steady.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1, KJV)

Quick prayer

Lord, have mercy on all impacted regions. Calm fear, protect lives, and guide responders with wisdom. Help us stay watchful, prepared, and anchored in You. Amen.