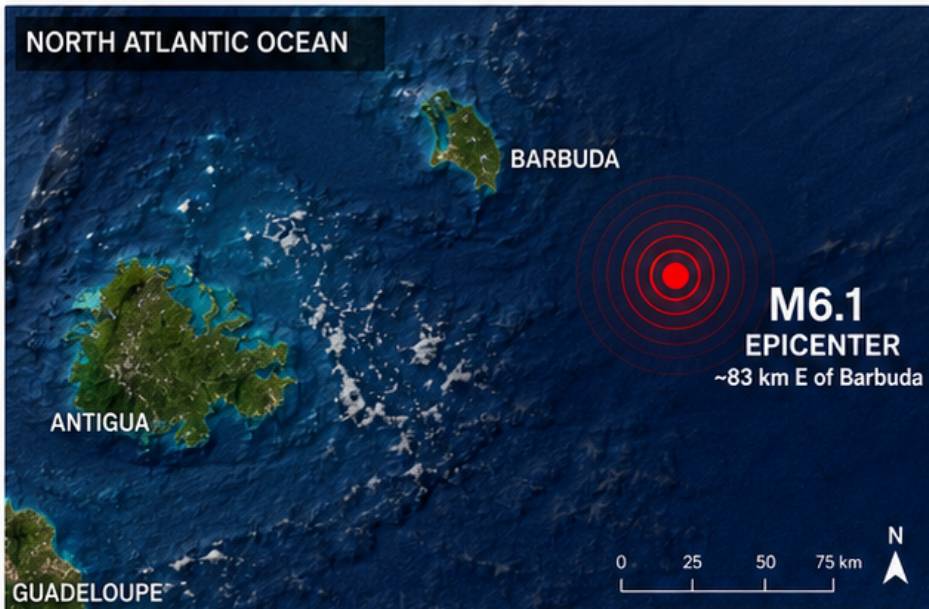




WAJD NEWS ALERT

NEWS THAT MATTERS. FAITH THAT MOVES US.

Strong M6.1 Earthquake Shakes Near Antigua and Barbuda



Strong quake felt across parts of the Caribbean.



Quakes like this remind us to stay prepared.

A strong magnitude 6.1 earthquake struck the North Atlantic Ocean east of Barbuda in the Antigua and Barbuda region on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at about 10:50 a.m. local time (14:50 UTC).

Preliminary and reviewed data from seismic agencies indicate the earthquake occurred about 83 km (52 miles) east of Barbuda. The reviewed depth is approximately 63 km (39 miles).

The earthquake was felt across parts of Antigua and Barbuda and in nearby islands throughout the Leeward Islands and wider Caribbean. Authorities continue to monitor for aftershocks and assess any reports of damage.

QUICK FACTS

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| | EVENT: | Earthquake |
| | TIME: | May 16, 2026 10:50 a.m. local time (14:50 UTC) |
| | LOCATION: | ~83 km (52 mi) east of Barbuda, Antigua & Barbuda |
| | DEPTH: | ~63 km (39 mi) (Reviewed) |
| | TSUNAMI STATUS: | No tsunami threat expected |

WAJD REFLECTION



Earthquakes remind us that our world is fragile and ever-changing. In times like these, we turn to God for peace, wisdom, and protection. Let us pray for all who were shaken—physically, emotionally, or spiritually—and for the communities and leaders working to keep people safe. May we be people of awareness, compassion, and preparedness, ready to serve when needed.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. — Joshua 1:9

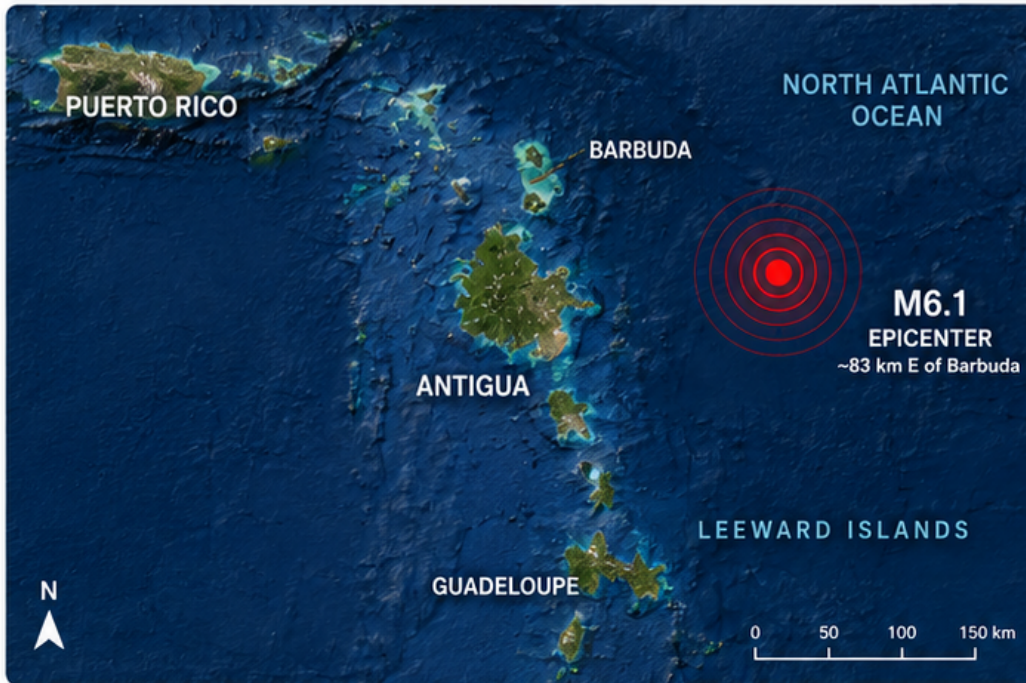




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Where It Happened



The magnitude 6.1 earthquake occurred in the North Atlantic Ocean about 83 km (52 miles) east of Barbuda at a depth of approximately 63 km (39 miles).

Reports indicate the earthquake was felt across parts of Antigua and Barbuda and in nearby islands throughout the Leeward Islands and wider Caribbean.

Because it occurred offshore, the quake was widely felt but did not produce a tsunami threat. Authorities continue to monitor the situation and assess any reports of damage.



The Leeward Islands are beloved for their natural beauty and vibrant communities.



Seismologists analyze data in real time to understand earthquakes and keep communities informed.

WHY THE CARIBBEAN SHAKES



The Caribbean is a place where tectonic plates meet and move. The North American Plate and the Caribbean Plate interact along major faults.

As these plates grind, slide, and push against each other, stress builds up in the rocks. When the stress is released suddenly, the ground shakes—causing earthquakes.

Many of these earthquakes happen offshore along subduction zones and strike-slip faults, which is why they can be felt across several islands.



WAJD REMINDER

- ✓ **PRAY.** Lift up the people of Antigua, Barbuda, and surrounding islands.
- ✓ **STAY AWARE.** Know your surroundings and local preparedness guidance.
- ✓ **SHARE TRUTH.** Use trusted sources and avoid exaggeration or unverified claims.

Let our response be rooted in compassion, clarity, and Christ's love.



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What We Know So Far

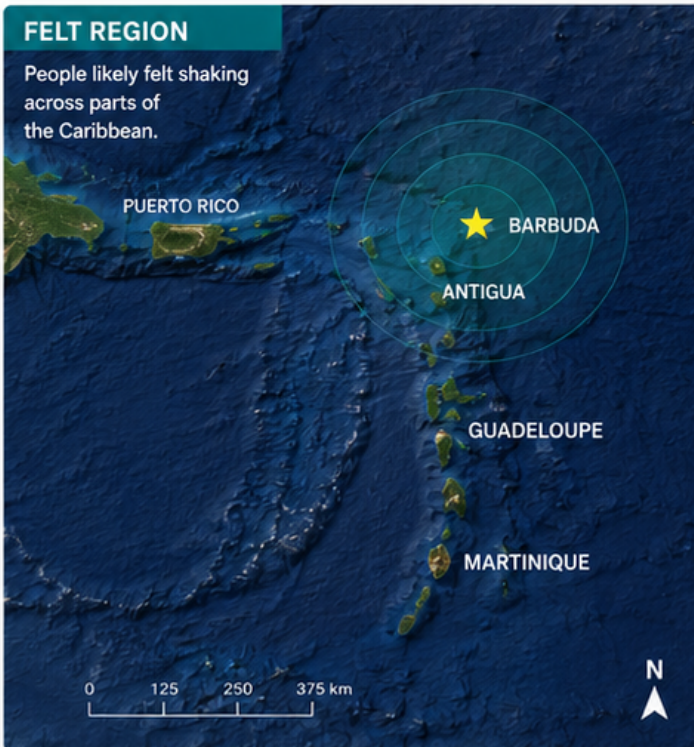
Preliminary and reviewed data from seismic agencies confirm a strong magnitude 6.1 earthquake in the North Atlantic Ocean east of Barbuda. Here is what we know at this time.

EARTHQUAKE AT A GLANCE

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FELT REGION

People likely felt shaking across parts of the Caribbean.



Shallow and moderate earthquakes can cause items to fall and shelves to shake, even at greater distances.



Communities across Antigua & Barbuda remain calm and aware, watching for official updates.



WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

- Aftershocks are possible in the coming hours and days.
- Seismic agencies will continue to refine earthquake data.
- Local officials will share any impact reports or advisories if needed.
- Communities are encouraged to stay prepared and follow official guidance.



HOW WAJD SHOULD FRAME IT

Lead with facts and faith. Communicate clearly and calmly. Avoid speculation. Show compassion for anyone affected. Remind our global family that God is with us in every moment, and preparedness is an act of stewardship and love.

We will continue to monitor and share verified updates.
Thank you for standing with us in prayer and action.



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Preparedness and Prayer



Prepared communities are safer communities. Let's look out for one another.

EARTHQUAKE READINESS



WATER

Store at least 3 days' supply (1 gallon per person per day).



LIGHT

Keep a flashlight with extra batteries.



ALERTS & RADIO

Stay informed. Use battery radio or official alert apps.



FIRST AID

Keep a first aid kit and know basic first aid.



MEDICATION

Have essential medications and prescriptions ready.



CHECK ON OTHERS

Look out for family, neighbors, especially the vulnerable.

PRACTICAL REMINDERS

- 1 Follow official alerts from government and trusted agencies.
- 2 Keep an emergency kit and supplies ready for your household.
- 3 Know what to do during shaking: Drop, Cover, and Hold On.
- 4 Check on neighbors and loved ones after the shaking stops.

BIBLE PERSPECTIVE



"The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel."

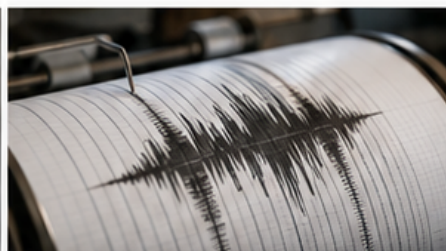
— Joel 3:16 KJV



WAJD REFLECTION

Earthquakes remind us of our fragility and our need for God. In uncertain moments, we can choose faith over fear, kindness over panic, and hope over despair. Let us pray for the people of Antigua and Barbuda and the wider Caribbean, that God will protect, guide, and comfort every heart.

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