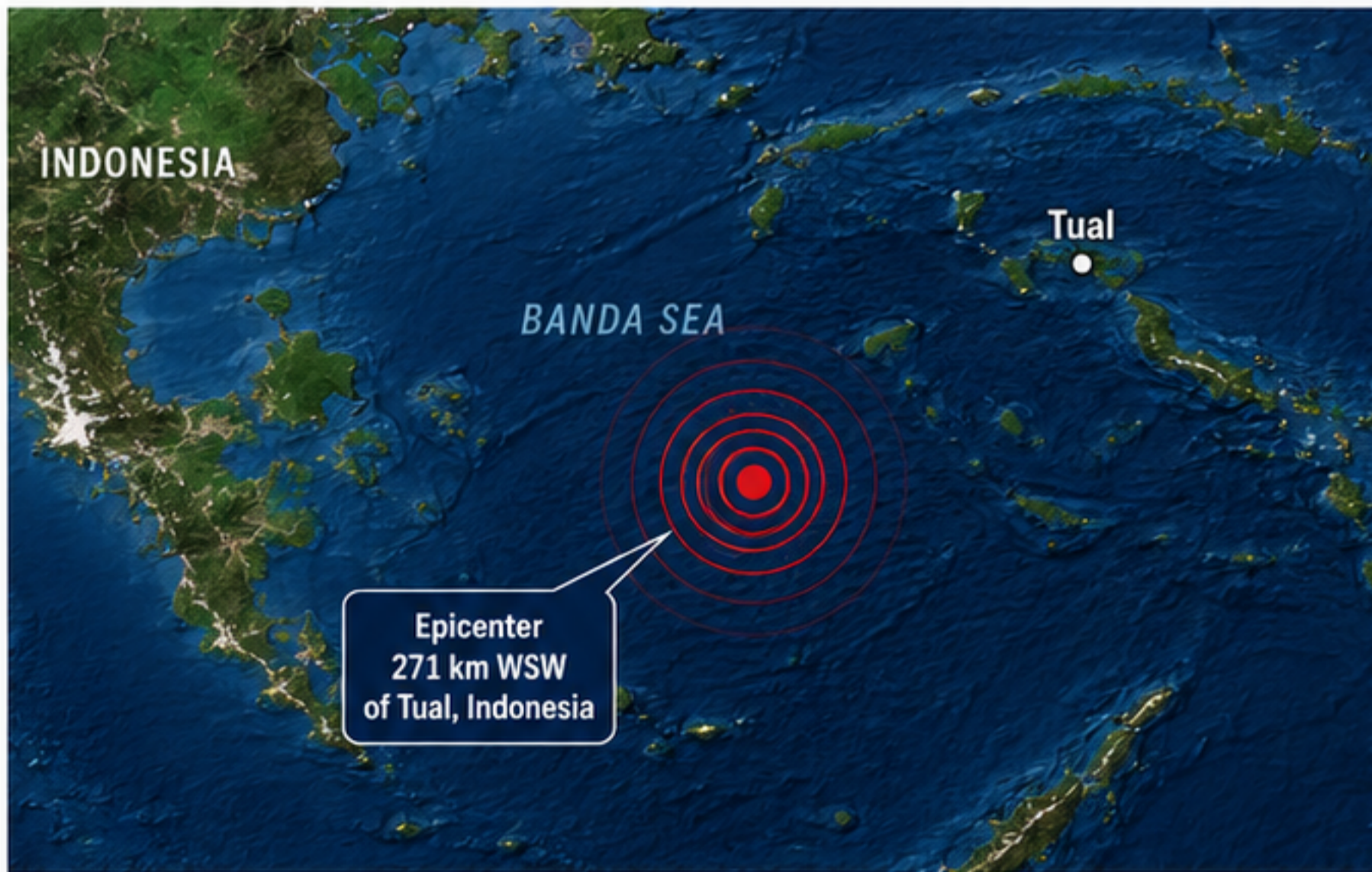


## WAJD NEWS ALERT

MAY 15, 2026

# Strong M6.2 Earthquake Strikes Near Tual, Indonesia

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A strong magnitude 6.2 earthquake occurred in the Banda Sea on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 2:53 a.m. local time (GMT+9), with the epicenter located 271 km west-southwest of Tual, Indonesia. The quake occurred at a depth of 146 km and was felt widely across the region.

The event was recorded at 17:53:14 UTC on May 14, 2026, and has been confirmed and manually reviewed.

Authorities continue to monitor for aftershocks and assess any impacts. We encourage communities to stay informed through official updates and to support one another in the spirit of care and compassion.



### QUICK FACTS

	<b>Event:</b> Earthquake
	<b>Magnitude:</b> 6.2
	<b>Date:</b> May 15, 2026
	<b>Time:</b> 2:53 a.m. local (GMT+9) / 17:53:14 UTC May 14
	<b>Location:</b> 271 km WSW of Tual, Indonesia
	<b>Region:</b> Banda Sea
	<b>Depth:</b> 146 km
	<b>Status:</b> Confirmed / reviewed
	<b>Felt:</b> Widely in the area

### WAJD REFLECTION

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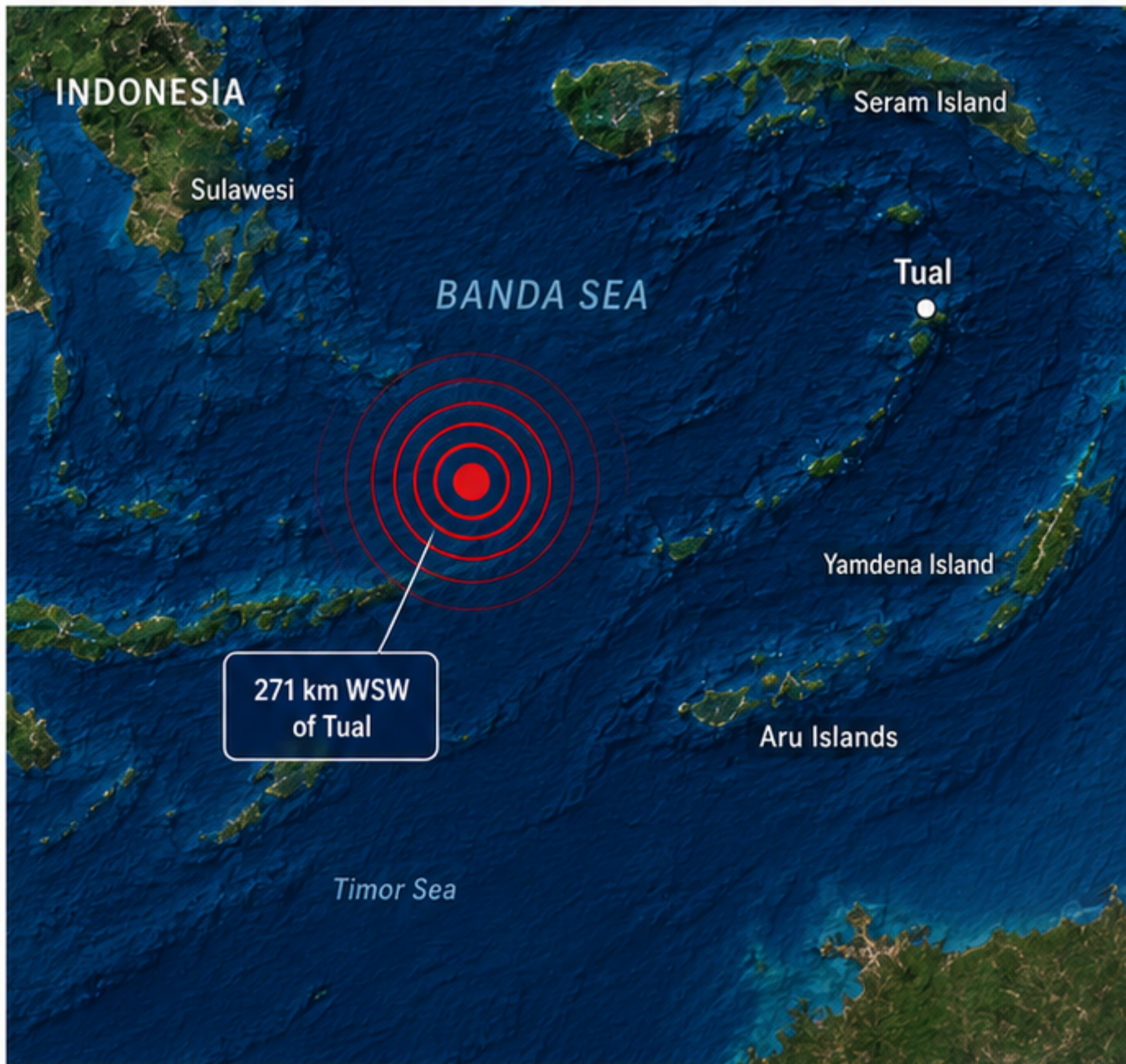
— Psalm 46:1

In moments of shake and uncertainty, we are reminded that our hope is anchored in Christ. Let us lift up the people of Indonesia in prayer—asking God to bring comfort, protection, and peace. May we be steady, aware, and ready to extend help and encouragement wherever needed.



# Where It Happened

The M6.2 earthquake struck in the Banda Sea, 271 km west-southwest of Tual, Indonesia.



### WHY THIS REGION SHAKES



**Part of the Ring of Fire**  
Indonesia lies along the Pacific Ring of Fire, a horseshoe-shaped zone where many earthquakes and volcanoes occur.



#### Plates in Motion

The Indo-Australian Plate is moving and colliding with the Eurasian and Pacific Plates.



#### Built-Up Stress

As plates push, pull, and slide past each other, stress builds up in the Earth's crust.



#### Sudden Release

When the stress becomes too much, the Earth releases energy in the form of an earthquake.



The Banda Sea is known for its deep waters, island chains, and vibrant coastal communities.



Seismic monitors help detect earthquakes quickly so communities can stay informed and prepared.



### WAJD REMEMBER

#### Pray. Be Aware. Share Truth.

Let us lift up the people of Tual and the surrounding islands in prayer—asking God for safety, comfort, and peace.

Stay informed through trusted sources, avoid rumors, and share accurate updates.

**Together, we can be a source of hope and help.**



# What We Know So Far

A strong magnitude 6.2 earthquake struck the Banda Sea near Tual, Indonesia, early Friday, May 15, 2026. The quake was felt widely across southeastern Indonesia, including in Tual and surrounding islands.

Based on current information, there are no reports of serious damage or injuries. Authorities continue to monitor the situation, assess any impacts, and provide updates.

Please stay informed through official channels and continue to pray for the people and communities in the affected area.



Community members and store owners reported light to moderate shaking. No serious damage has been confirmed at this time.

### EARTHQUAKE AT A GLANCE



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### FELT REGION MAP



### WHAT TO WATCH NEXT



#### Aftershocks Possible

Aftershocks are common and may continue in the coming days. Stay alert and follow safety guidance.



#### Official Updates

Rely on updates from BMKG, BNPB, and local authorities. Information will continue to evolve.



#### Stay Ready

Keep emergency kits prepared and know evacuation routes. Small steps now can make a big difference.



### HOW WAJD SHOULD FRAME IT



#### Stay Factual

Report verified facts. Avoid speculation and unconfirmed claims.



#### Show Compassion

Center stories on people, needs, and practical help.



#### Pray and Encourage

Invite prayer for protection, comfort, and peace for all affected.



#### Promote Preparedness

Encourage readiness and community care—without sensationalism.

# Preparedness and Prayer

The earthquake near Tual was a strong reminder of nature's power and our need for readiness. Communities that prepare together recover stronger together.



### EARTHQUAKE READINESS



#### Water

Store at least 3 days of clean water.



#### Flashlight

Keep a flashlight with extra batteries.



#### Alerts & Radio

Stay informed with a battery-powered radio or reliable alert app.



#### First Aid Kit

Keep a stocked first aid kit in an easy-to-reach place.



#### Medication

Maintain essential medications and copies of prescriptions.



#### Check on Others

Check on family, neighbors, and the vulnerable in your community.



### PRACTICAL REMINDERS

- 1 Follow official alerts from BMKG and local authorities.
- 2 Keep emergency supplies ready and update them regularly.
- 3 Know the Drop-Cover-Hold On technique and safe locations.
- 4 Check on others and offer help where you can.



### 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)

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

— Psalm 46:1 (KJV)



### WAJD REFLECTION

Let us continue to pray for the people of Indonesia, especially in Maluku. May God comfort those who are afraid, strengthen those who are responding, and protect every family.

**Stay calm. Stay faithful.  
Stay prepared.**

**We are with you in prayer.**

