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JAPAN EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

MAGNITUDE 6.8 QUAKE STRIKES KYUSHU
DEATH TOLL RISES AS RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUE



A destroyed home in Mashiki, Kumamoto Prefecture, after the July 28 earthquake.

A powerful magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck Kumamoto Prefecture on Japan's southern island of Kyushu on Tuesday, July 28, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The Japan Meteorological Agency recorded a maximum seismic intensity of 7 in several areas, the highest level on its scale.

At least 30 people have been confirmed dead and more than 80 injured, including several in serious condition. Officials warn the number could rise as search teams reach remote and devastated areas.

WIDESPREAD DAMAGE

Thousands of homes have been damaged or destroyed. A shopping mall in Kashima was partially collapsed after a suspected gas explosion. A chimney at a paper mill in Yatsushiro also collapsed. Roads, bridges, and parts of historic Kumamoto Castle were damaged.

RESCUE CHALLENGES

Rescue operations are being slowed by frequent aftershocks and extreme heat, with temperatures near 95°F (35°C). Many communities are facing water shortages and power outages. The Japan Self-Defense Forces are delivering supplies, water, and air-conditioning equipment to shelters.

LATEST UPDATES

- Tsunami advisory has been lifted
- No abnormalities at nuclear facilities
- Strong aftershocks continue
- Authorities warn of landslides and weakened buildings

Please continue to pray for the people of Japan during this very difficult time.

PRAYER FOCUS



- For those who have lost loved ones
- For the injured and their recovery
- For strength and safety for rescue workers
- For provision, protection, and comfort for all affected

*"The Lord is close to the
brokenhearted and saves
those who are crushed in spirit."*

— Psalm 34:18 (KJV)

**TIMES ARE FASTLY
CHANGING.
KEEP YOUR EYES
ON JESUS!**

AT A GLANCE



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POWER & WATER OUTAGES
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MILITARY DEPLOYED
delivering supplies
and providing aid

PHOTO REPORT



Rescue teams search for survivors in Kumamoto.



The Aeon shopping mall in Kashima after a gas explosion.



Damage reported at historic Kumamoto Castle.

