

China: Earthquake (as of 19 May 2008)

Epicentre
Magnitude: 7.9
Date: 12 May 2008
Time: 2:28 (local time)

Aftershock Epicentre
Magnitude: 5.9
Date: 18 May 2008
Time: 12:08 AM (local time)



- **34,073** dead
- **245,108** injured
- **14,000** buried
- **52,934** hospitalized
- **571,400** houses collapsed
- **279,900** houses destroyed
- **5.7 million** people evacuated as of 16 May

• Many reservoirs, hydropower stations, dams, and water locks seriously damaged

• Wuyi and Fengshou Reservoirs (An County); Yuanmen and Xiangjiagou Reservoirs (Jiangyou city); Hongqi Reservoir (Dianjiang County); and small reservoirs, embankments and drinking water projects in Shuifu and Suijiang Counties damaged

• 2 facilities continue to leak sulphuric acid and ammonia due to aftershocks

• MEP reported that water quality of nearby Shiting River is so far normal

3 dead, 1,006 injured in aftershock



SITUATION

- A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck in Sichuan Province at 14:28 Beijing time (06:28 GMT) on Monday, 12 May.
- A 5.9 magnitude aftershock struck near Jiangyou at 12:08 AM on Sunday, 18 May.
- 149 aftershocks with a magnitude of 4 or higher were registered
- Tents urgently needed and have been requested as high priority by the Government of China
- Landslides caused by aftershocks, blocking roads and railway, and resulting in the formation of an estimated 18 lakes

LINKS

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Xinhua News Agency. 18 May 2008. Three killed, 1,006 injured in aftershock in China quake area.

WHO. Sichuan Earthquake Emergency Updates 15 May 2008.

