

# [Earthquake devastation reveals humanitarian cost of isolating Syria's Assad regime](#)

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LEEDS, UK: Three days after two massive earthquakes struck northwestern Syria and southeastern Turkiye in the early hours of Feb. 6, the US Treasury announced a 180-day exemption from sanctions on “all transactions related to earthquake relief efforts” sent to Syria by overseas donors.



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# [UAE continues to send relief aid to earthquake victims in Turkiye and Syria](#)

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ABU DHABI: The UAE has continued to provide assistance to the victims of the earthquakes in Turkiye and Syria as part of its operation Gallant Knight/2 over the past 12 days.

Emirates News Agency reported on Friday that to date, 97 cargo planes have been sent to both countries, with 58 flights carrying 1,918 tons of relief materials to Syria and 39 flights carrying 706 tons to Turkiye.

In total, 2,624 tons of food, medical supplies and shelter tents have been delivered.



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# [Pharma firm AstraZeneca to build sustainable offices at Dubai Science Park](#)

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DUBAI: Pharmaceutical and biotechnology company AstraZeneca has announced plans to build sustainable offices at Dubai Science Park, the Emirates News Agency reported on Thursday.

It said the design and construction of the project, and the materials it uses, will meet the platinum standards in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design set out by the US Green Building Council.

The plan is part of the company's global green agenda. It comes after authorities in the UAE last month announced 2023 as the "Year of Sustainability."



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# [UN launches \\$1 bn appeal for Turkiye](#)

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UNITED NATIONS, United States: The United Nations launched an appeal for \$1 billion Thursday to help Turkiye's victims of the catastrophic earthquake that killed thousands of people and left millions more in desperate need of aid.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement that the funds would provide humanitarian relief for three months to 5.2 million people. The money would "allow aid organizations to rapidly scale up vital support," including in the areas of food security, protection, education, water and shelter, he added.



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# [Iran planning to assassinate diaspora](#)

# Jews if Israel attacks: French journalist

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LONDON: Tehran has identified a significant number of diaspora Jews worldwide to assassinate in the event of a war with Israel, a French journalist specializing in Iranian affairs has warned.

Catherine Perez-Shakdam – who has met both Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and President Ebrahim Raisi, and has contributed to pro-Tehran media outlets – told the Jewish Chronicle she had learned that Iran had “mapped” a significant number of Jews to be targeted in the event of it being attacked by Israel.



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