

UN ready to assist response efforts following quake in Iran and Iraq, says Guterres

13 November 2017 – The United Nations stands ready to assist efforts to respond to the earthquake that struck Iran and Iraq on Sunday, the Organization's top official has said.

UN [Secretary-General](#) António Guterres is [deeply saddened](#) by the loss of life and damage following the quake that struck the border regions of the two countries, said a statement issued by his Spokesman, Stéphane Dujarric.

The statement said the Secretary-General conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families and to the Governments and people of Iran and Iraq, and wished those injured a speedy recovery. He also commended the local response efforts underway.

The United Nations stands ready to assist if required, read the statement.