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800 houses destroyed in quake

ANKARA—The moderate earthquake which jolted eastern Turkey on Friday killed one person, injured 14 and destroyed 845 houses, Turkish news agencies reported. The quake, at 5.7 on the Richter scale, struck in Malatya, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Adıyaman and Kahramanmaraş, the provinces which were jolted by an earlier moderate quake last month that claimed nine lives and injured 211 people. The news agencies said most of the houses which collapsed during the quake Friday were the ones which were slightly damaged in the earlier quake. Friday's tremor damaged another 692 houses, they said. The Turkish Red Crescent, equivalent to Red Cross, sent 600 tents to the stricken areas Saturday, the reports said. A spokesman for the Kandilli Observatory in Istanbul said the epicenter was 800 kilometers (494 miles) east of Istanbul. The Richter scale is a gauge of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5. An earthquake of 3.5 on the Richter scale can cause slight damage in the local area, 4 moderate damage, 5 considerable damage, 6 severe damage.

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Aftershock jolts continue

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MALATYA—Aftershock jolts from the earthquake which hit southeastern Anatolia early Monday, continued to shake the area yesterday morning, though very slightly. Nine thousand blankets and 2,250 tents have been delivered to the area. Officials stated that about TL eight million has been collected in some banks as of Wednesday morning. Meanwhile, the Sürğün Dam, which suffered a longitudinal crack as a result of the earthquake, is continuing to discharge water. Release of water into irrigation channels was normalized yesterday. As reported by the semi-official Anatolia News Agency, inhabitants of Kapidere village have deserted the area which was devastated by the earthquake. So far fifteen villages were evacuated, according to news agencies. Authorities state that an average of 1,000 people die due to earthquakes in Turkey every year; 10 percent of the land is on an earthquake belt, 20 percent of which is considered as "high risk."

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Quake jolts east Anatolia

ANKARA—An earthquake, measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale, jolted southeastern Turkey Friday, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported. One person died and three others were injured in Surgu and Erkenek, districts of Turkey's southeastern province of Malatya, while two people were slightly injured in Gölbaşı, a town of Adıyaman, in the same region. Officials said that telephone communications to some villages in the area were cut and expressed the fear that the number of casualties might be higher. The Adıyaman - Erkenek highway was reported blocked by landslides as a result of the quake.