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Taiwan Hit by Strongest Earthquake in 25 Years

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake [occurred this morning around 8:00 a.m.](#) in Taiwan, killing nine people, injuring more than 900, and leaving 50 people missing. The earthquake was Taiwan's largest in 25 years. Taiwanese president Tsai Ing-wen announced that a disaster response was underway, [stating on X](#):

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Aftermath of earthquake in Taiwan

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— Tsai Ing-wen (@iingwen) [April 3, 2024](#)

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered condolences, stating on X:

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White House National Security Council Spokesperson Adrienne Watson [stated this morning](#):

We are monitoring reports of the earthquake impacting Taiwan and continue to monitor its potential impact on Japan. The United States stands ready to provide any necessary assistance. All those affected are in our prayers.

To the people of Taiwan, I am deeply saddened to hear that a large earthquake has occurred in eastern Taiwan, causing extensive damage. I would like to express my heartfelt sympathies to those affected. We are grateful for the heartwarming support we received from our dear friends in Taiwan during the Great East Japan Earthquake and the recent Noto Peninsula earthquake.

— 〇〇〇〇 (@kishida230) [April 3, 2024](#)



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