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## Over 30 dead after earthquake hits southern Philippines

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Responders conduct a rescue operation at a collapsed building after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in General Santos City on June 8, 2026. A 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck the southern Philippines on June 8, killing at least 15 people, collapsing buildings and sparking tsunami warnings across the region. (Ferdinandh Cabrera/AFP/Getty Images/TNS)

MANILA, Philippines — At least 32 people were killed when a powerful earthquake struck the southern Philippines on Monday, prompting tsunami warnings across parts of the region which were lifted again a few hours later.

The quake struck at 7:37 am (2337 GMT on Sunday) and registered a magnitude of 7.8, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs).

The tremor's epicentre was located south-west of Maasim town in Sarangani province, on the southern island of Mindanao, Phivolcs said.

Twelve people remain missing and a total of 134 were injured, according to official figures.

Seventeen people were killed in Sarangani province, including 13 in a landslide in Glan town, according to Rene Punzalan, a provincial disaster relief officer.

Another four people were killed in Malapatan town, he said.

Ten fatalities were reported in General Santos City, which is home to some 70,000 and was particularly affected by the quake, according to civil defence and disaster officials.

Another three people were killed in Davao Occidental province and two in Tupi town in South Cotabato province, according to the national disaster agency.

The tremor was also felt in parts of Indonesia, particularly on the island of Sulawesi, where a tsunami warning was also issued. Japan likewise

warned parts of its Pacific coastline of possible waves.

The US Geological Survey (USGS), which had initially put the quake's magnitude at 8.2, but later also revised it down to 7.8, lifted its tsunami warning later on Monday.

According to the USGS, the quake struck at a relatively shallow depth of 55 kilometres.

The USGS also reported numerous aftershocks.

The agency had previously warned that waves of up to 3 metres could occur along some coastal areas.

The Philippine's Phivolcs has since also lifted its tsunami warning, after reporting strong waves of up to 1.5 metres in six coastal areas.

In eastern parts of In-

onesia, the Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysical Agency (BMKG) recorded small tsunami waves at several monitoring stations. However, the sea level rose only slightly in this area, the agency said, also lifting its tsunami warning.

Meanwhile, the extent of the damage in the region remains unclear.

Videos circulating on social media showed several buildings collapsing or partially collapsing in the Philippine's Mindanao region.

Electricity and telecommunications services were disrupted in affected areas, the Philippine's disaster agency said.

School classes were cancelled, while work in government and private offices was also suspended.

The earthquake struck

on the first day of the school year, during flag-raising ceremonies at schools and government offices, meaning many students, teachers and staff were already outside buildings.

Elene Marie Jane Gamboa, principal of Matanao National High School in Davao del Sur province, said one of the school buildings collapsed.

"Thank God we were having our flag-raising ceremony and everyone was outside," she told Manila radio station DZMM.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr immediately ordered relief and protective measures and called on the population to follow the instructions of the authorities.

Mindanao region lies on the Pacific Ring of Fire, a belt of intense tectonic activity encircling the Pacific Ocean, where earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur with particular frequency.

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## • Traffic stop

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1 kilogram

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Sheriff Ron Wade said of the situation: "This is another example of the dedication and proactive work being done by our deputies to keep dangerous drugs out of Montgomery County. Seizing more than two pounds of methamphetamine, which could have been distributed as several thousand individual doses, has a significant impact on the safety of our communities. We are proud of the continued hard work of our deputies, detectives and K9 teams."

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## • New facility

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also plans to raise funds for a new transport ambulance, which will be used to ship stabilized patients to regional medical centers for advanced levels of care, said Amy Taylor, CRMC Foundation director. The estimated cost to acquire a transport vehicle is about \$210,000. The reason CRMC is seeking a transport-only vehicle is because the EMS department transfers about 325 patients a year to regional hospitals. A dedicated transport vehicle would reduce the amount of miles and maintenance that have accumulated on other advanced-level ambulance vehicles at CRMC.

CRMC's ambulance area encompasses 434 square miles in southern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma.

In 2025, the EMS department responded to 2,646 emergency calls in the CRMC EMS service area.

### NEW LEADER

A familiar face has taken the helm of leadership within the EMS department. With the recent retirement of EMS director Jim Wilhelms, Casey Goff, who has been with CRMC since 2009, has taken over the top administrative position of the department. Goff has most recently served as paramedic supervisor and EMS training officer. He holds an associate of applied science degree in paramedicine from Coffeyville Community College and maintains numerous advanced certifications, including Critical Care Paramedic and instructor certifications in CPR, ACLS, and PALS.

Goff is highly involved in EMS edu-

cation and regional emergency medical services leadership throughout southeast Kansas. Goff had ample mentorship through Wilhelms' tenure at CRMC. Wilhelms retired after having been a paramedic for 36 years.

### EMS STATION PLANS

In mid-2026, Coffeyville Regional Medical Center is continuing its plans to build a new 5,500 square foot EMS facility immediately west of the CRMC main entrance. Plans for a \$2.7 million station were announced in fall 2025. Construction is expected to begin later in 2026 once New Market tax credits are finalized through a local finance lender. Besides utilizing tax credits, CRMC Foundation will leverage grants and private donations in the funding mix. The CRMC Foundation will roll out a capital campaign in the fall months to raise money for the new facility.

The new EMS station will replace the department's current quarters, now located on the east side of the CRMC facility. The current station does not have bays long enough to hold the newest ambulance or future vehicles. Additionally, the current quarters, which were constructed in the late 1970s, do not have assigned areas for men and women employees.

"A new facility will improve the long-term care and quality of vehicles and medical equipment, as well as increase employee morale," Taylor said. "In an emergency situation, a patient expects the very best of life-saving equipment, vehicles and employees to render the aid.

The construction of a new EMS station is part of CRMC's overall effort to create a more efficient, safe and modern healthcare environment, Taylor said.

## • U.S. mortgage rates

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through 2034.

Financing the deficit requires the U.S. Treasury to issue large amounts of debt by selling Treasury bonds and other securities. When the supply of government bonds increases, investors may require higher yields to absorb that additional supply. And because Treasury yields serve as a benchmark for many different types of borrowing costs throughout the economy, mortgage rates often move with them. In particular, mortgage rates tend to track the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note much more closely than they track the federal funds rate.

### WHAT ELSE AFFECTS MORTGAGE RATES?

Adding another layer of complexity are mortgage-backed securities, which are made up of bundled loans that are sold to investors rather than remaining on a lender's balance sheet. Investors who own these securities face risks that Treasury bond investors do not. Chief among them is the right to refinance: Homeowners can refinance when rates fall, pay the loan down more quickly than required by the mortgage contract, or move unexpectedly and completely repay loans early.

So investors generally demand a premium above Treasury yields when buying mortgage-backed securities to compensate for this prepayment risk. Otherwise, they would be stuck with a return lower than they initially expected when they bought that loan.

Since mortgage rates are high, the general expectation is that many homeowners will refinance at lower rates once they can. That means the refinance risk is greater than usual — and it has kept the difference, or spread, between 10-year Treasuries and mortgage rates elevated compared to historical norms, according to the Urban Institute's Housing Finance Policy Center.

In short, even if Treasury yields remain stable, a larger mortgage spread could keep mortgage rates higher than borrowers might expect. This helps explain why mortgage rates don't always move in the same direction as Fed

policy, and why mortgage rates have stayed high even after the Fed started lowering short-term interest rates in 2024.

### WHY IT HELPS TO TAKE THE LONG VIEW

Last, there's an important historical perspective that's often missing from discussions about today's mortgage market.

Many Americans compare current mortgage rates with the extraordinarily low rates available during 2020 and 2021, when some borrowers secured 30-year mortgages at rates that were below 3%. Those were among the lowest mortgage rates ever recorded in the United States — the exception rather than the rule — and a result of the Fed's emergency measures to steer the economy out of recession.

In fact, throughout much of the 1990s and early 2000s, mortgage rates frequently ranged between 6% and 8%. Viewed through that lens, today's rates are far less unusual than many Americans would think.

Mortgages have been around more than two millennia, surviving empires, kingdoms, depressions, wars, financial crises and technological revolutions. The details have changed dramatically, but the underlying economics have not: Lenders have always demanded compensation for inflation risk, uncertainty and the time value of money.

That's why mortgage rates aren't determined solely by the Fed but by millions of investors making judgments about the future. And at the moment, those investors remain cautious.

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