

## Moderate quake hits Dominican Republic, is felt in Mayaguez

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**SANTO DOMINGO** — A medium intensity earthquake jolted the northern and eastern Dominican Republic on Tuesday as well as the western edge of Puerto Rico. No injuries or damage were reported.

The earthquake hit at 8:43 a.m. and measured 4.3 on the open-ended Richter scale, said Luis Mena, director of the Dominican Republic's Seismological Institute. Officials at Puerto Rico's Seismic Network recorded a 4.4 reading and the U.S. Geological Survey in Colorado reported 4.5.

Mena said the epicenter was in the San Francisco de Macoris fault, some 140 miles northeast of Santo Domingo.

The quake was also felt in Mayaguez, said Christa von Hillebrandt, a geologist with Puerto Rico's Seismic Network. She said it had nothing to do with the quake a day earlier in California, which registered a 6.6 on the Richter scale.