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Minor quake felt in western P.R.

A minor earthquake measuring 4.5 on the Richter scale rumbled the Dominican Republic on Wednesday afternoon and was felt in western Puerto Rico.

The temblor was not reported by Dominican authorities until 24 hours later, causing the delay in informing the public, said Cristhal von Hillebrant of the Seismic Network of Puerto Rico. Deadly earthquakes in Japan and Colombia kept seismologists occupied elsewhere, and though some people in Mayaguez felt the tremor, they did not report it to the network, said von Hillebrant.