

Earthquake Unnerves Almaty

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ALMATY, Kazakhstan — A magnitude-6 earthquake hit southeastern Kazakhstan late Monday, causing apartment buildings to sway in the country's largest city, Almaty.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported that the temblor hit at 10:38 p.m. local time and that the epicenter was in a remote mountainous area near the border with China and Kyrgyzstan.

The shallow tremors were also felt in the capital of neighboring Kyrgyzstan. Central Asia is a seismically active area.

A powerful earthquake in July 2011 killed at least 14 people across the heavily populated Ferghana valley shared by Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

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