

Breaking Incident Timeline

2024 • 2 April • 3 April

Major earthquake and tsunami warnings



Taiwan



23:58 GMT

7.4-magnitude earthquake strikes Taiwan

00:06 GMT

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00:18 GMT

Strong shallow earthquake strikes south of Hualien Country

00:37 GMT

Strong earthquake near Taiwan's Hualien triggers tsunami warning for Japan's Okinawa

01:05 GMT

Tsunami waves possible in coastal China, near Japan's Okinawa following strong earthquake near Taiwan's Hualien

01:19 GMT

Multiple buildings collapse, landslides reported after strong earthquake hits south of Hualien City

02:33 GMT

Internet, power outages ensue after earthquake hits near Hualien City

03:47 GMT

Casualties reported following strong earthquake near Hualien City

05:14 GMT

Casualties increase following strong earthquake near Hualien City

06:57 GMT

Casualties rise further following strong earthquake near Hualien City

Event summary

Major earthquake strikes Hualien County, Taiwan

A strong 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck around 18 km (11 miles) south of Hualien at a shallow depth of 34.8 km (21.6 miles) at around 07:58 local time on 3 April (23:58 GMT, 2 April). Tsunami warnings were subsequently issued for most of the areas in Taiwan. The warnings were lifted later after the threat of tsunami subsided.

Taiwan suffered widespread damage and disruptions. At least 18 people were killed and hundreds of others injured across Taiwan, including Hualien, Yilan, Taipei, New Taipei, Keelung and Taoyuan.