

5.3-Magnitude Earthquake Rattles Mexico City



Mexico City, March 21 (RHC) -- A moderate 5.3-magnitude earthquake shook central Mexico on Friday, causing buildings to sway in the capital and sending hundreds of people into the streets. There were no reports of damage or casualties.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake hit at 4:30 p.m. local time in the state of Puebla near Tulcingo del Valle, a town in a sparsely populated area about 100 miles southeast of Mexico City. It had a depth of 31 miles.

Mexico City Mayor Miguel Angel Mancera said many evacuations were reported in the capital but officials received no reports of damage or injuries.

The city is vulnerable to distant earthquakes because much of it sits atop the muddy sediments of drained lake beds.



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