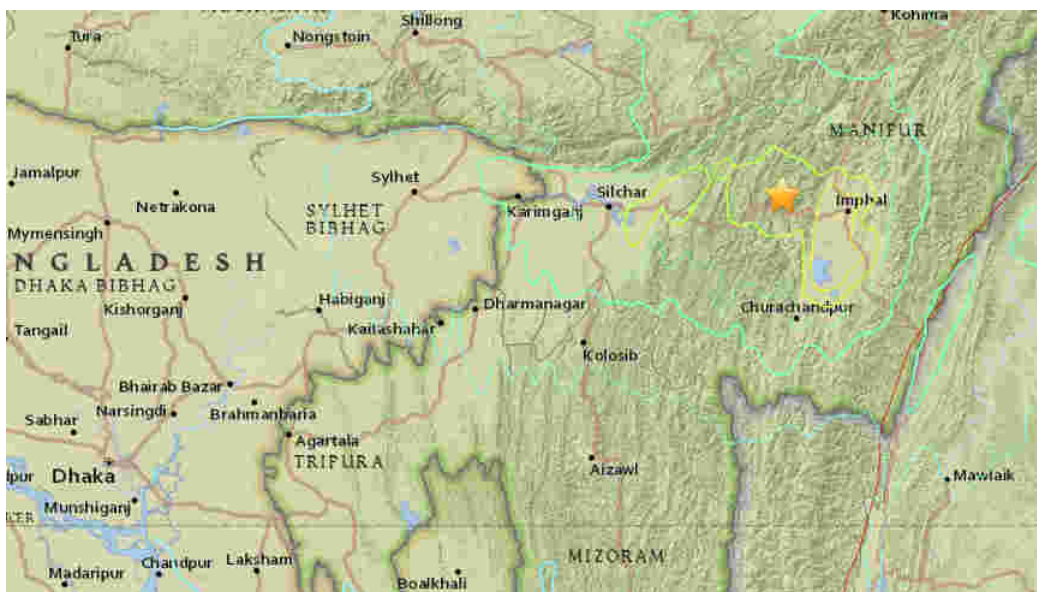


6.7 Manipur quake shakes Bangladesh

A 6.7 magnitude Manipur earthquake has rattled the country in the dawn, prompting thousands of panic-stricken people to rush out into the streets from their homes. A person has died of cardiac arrest and 29 others, mostly students of Dhaka University, were injured after a major earthquake has jolted the country early hours of Monday. On the other hand, the quake left large crack in a building of Shankhari Bazar in Dhaka. The quake struck at 5:05am Monday.



The US Geological Survey (USGS) initially reported the earthquake's magnitude at 6.8, but later revised its strength.

According to the USGS, the epicentre of the tremor was monitored at 351km east-northeast of Dhaka and 33km northwest of Imphal, the capital of India's Manipur state.

The USGS said the quake was 57 kms (35 miles) deep, and initially reported it had struck inside Myanmar. Strong tremors have been felt across the region, reports BBC.. The US Geological Survey estimated that as many as 98m people in the region may have felt the earthquake.

The region has a history of powerful earthquakes caused by the northward collision of the Indian and Eurasian plates. They are moving towards each other at a rate of 4-5cm per year.