



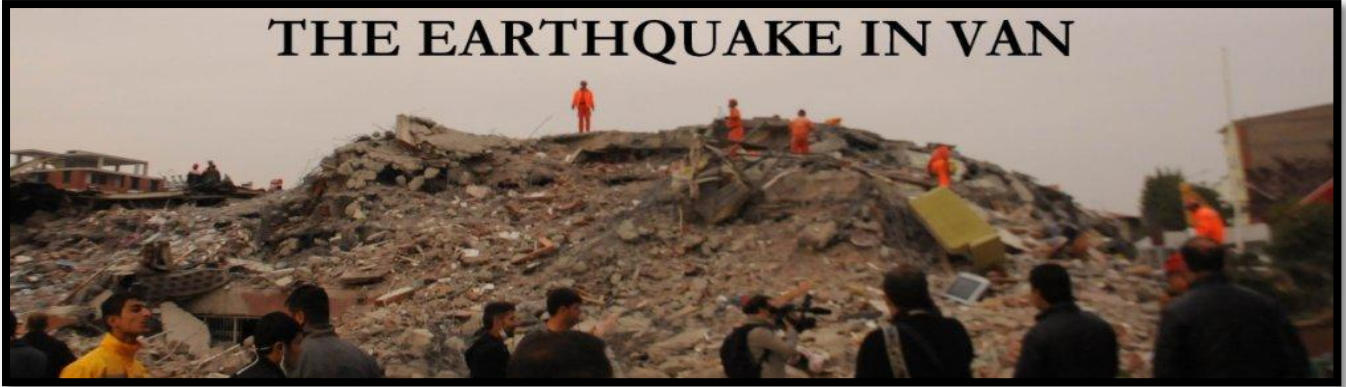
**INTERNATIONAL E-BULLETIN
SPECIAL EDITION
FOR THE EARTHQUAKE IN VAN**

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THE EARTHQUAKE IN VAN



The 7.2 magnitude quake struck in the province of Van at 1:41 p.m. local time on 23 October 2011 and was followed by more than 200 aftershocks, the Kandilli observatory said on its website. The tremor, 5 kilometers (3 miles) below the surface, was the province's biggest since 1976 and the country's most severe since a 1999 quake killed more than 18,000 people in Izmit. It was followed by a series of powerful aftershocks, also centered north of Van, including two of magnitude 5.6 soon after the quake and one of 6.0 late on Sunday.

Officials said they feared as many as 400 people died, 1300 people wounded, nearly 1100 buildings are completely collapsed. Thousands of residents are not livable. Approximately 1500 people are under the collapsed buildings and more than 250.000 people are homeless. During the winter, majority of the victim of the disaster will not have any opportunity to live in



permanent houses. Especially villages around Van are heavily damaged and there is not sufficient support by the government. According to the Van Municipality, the governor of Van is not in cooperation with local authorities.

The most negative approach came from the Turkish Government about the offerings from the international community. P.M. Mr. Erdoğan is refused majority demands of foreign aids. Some countries offered help officially include Israel, the U.S., the U.K., Germany, Poland, Hungary and Switzerland. Turkey only accepted offers of assistance from Iran, Azerbaijan and Bulgaria, Erdoğan said. The



prime minister thanked other countries for their offers of help, but highlighted that Turkey could cope with the disaster on its own. Actually the government is just making a meaningless show in spite of the people under the terrible conditions in Van.



The town of Erciş is the worst-hit, with close to 700 buildings are destroyed in the disaster area. There is an immense rescue effort going on, diggers, cranes, and men climbing over the buildings, digging with their bare hands, trying to find people that they believe may still be alive inside.

Residents of Van and Ercis have been spending their nights huddled around camp fires in the open air, fearing more aftershocks. Rescuers could be seen working by torchlight, using their bare hands and shovels. Tens of thousands have been sleeping outside in freezing conditions. The big problem at the moment is the cold night. It is very high here, 1,500m (5,000ft) above sea level. It is dropping below 0C (32F) at night, clearly not a place to be sleeping outside.



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Refusal from the government doesn't sound new, particularly when such calamities strike Kurdish people. This behavior adds to the fact that fast help, whatever and from wherever, is strongly needed in this critical phase, so we appeal to all international institutions, NGOs, EU countries and all those feeling close to Kurdish situation respond immediately to our campaign.



Thousands of people who've lost everything are in a desperate situation, the needs are growing and we need to do much more to help people who urgently need:

- Food
- Shelter
- Medical supplies
- Water and sanitation
- Generator
- Coats
- Tents
- Blankets
- Infant food
- Gas heater



In order to prevent waste of precious aids we indicate here below the bank reference to support victim hit by the earthquake. At this moment, the people of Van need the support of the global community now more than ever!

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BANK INFORMATION OF [SARMASIK ASSOCIATION](#) WHICH BEING COORDINATION WITH VAN MUNICIPALITY:

1- ZİRAAT BANKASI

Merkez şube TL Hesap No. 45700912-5001 İBAN.TR46 0001 0000 9145 7009 1250 01
Diclekent Şubesi: Hesap no: 45700912-5003 İBAN: TR35 0001 0020 0045 7009 1250 03
Bağlar şubesi TL Hesap no.45700912-5002 İBAN.TR40 0001 0009 0645 7009 1250 02

Swift: TCZBTR2A

2- İŞ BANKASI

Merkez Şb. TL.Hes.No.8300 1883173 İBAN.TR45 0006 4000 0018 3001 8831 73
EURO No.0706602 İBAN. TR21 0006 4000 0028 3000 7066 02
USD No.0706599 İBAN. TR05 0006 4000 0028 3000 7069
99
CAD[Kanada] No. 0729696 İBAN. TR96 0006 4000 0028 3000 7296 96
DKK[Danima] No. 0731324 İBAN. TR81 0006 4000 0028 3000 7313 24
CHF[İsviçreF] No. 0733417 İBAN. TR24 0006 4000 0028 3000 7334 17

AUD[AvustraD] No. 0717002 İBAN. TR36 0006 4000 0028 3000 7170 02

Ofis Şb. TL.Hes.No. 8303 0606057 İBAN. TR87 0006 4000 0018 3030 6060 57

Swift:ISBKTRIS

3- AKBANK

Ofis Şubesi TL. Hes.No.0126277 İBAN. TR53 0004 6005 6888 8000 1262 77

EURO Hes.No. 0126278-1 İBAN. TR51 0004 6005 6803 6000 1262 78
DKK Hes. No. 0144553 İBAN. TR33 0004 6005 6801 3000 1445 53

Swift: AKBKTRIS

4- FİNANSBANK

Suriçi Şubesi TL. Hes.No. 0018990799 İBAN. TR69 0011 1000 0000 0018 9907 99
Swift: FNNBTRIS

5- GARANTİ BANKASI

Merkez Şb. Hes.No. 456 - 6296898 İBAN. TR24 0006 2000 4560 0006 2968 98

Swift: TGBATRIS

6- VAKIFBANK

Merkez Şb. Hes.No. 00158007290582135 İBAN. TR53 0001 5001 5800 7290 5821 35
Swift: TVBATR2A

7- HALKBANK

Diyarbakır Şubesi Hesap No: 16000096 İBAN: TR10 0001 2009 3260 0016 0000 96
Ofis Şb. Hes.No. 0325 16000072 İBAN: TR17 0001 2009 3250 0016 0000 72

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Swift: TRHBTR2A

8- TEB [TÜRKİYE EKONOMİ BANKASI]

Suriçi Şb. Hes.No. 13358 İBAN. TR10 0003 2000 3030 0000 0133 58

Swift: TEBUTRIS

9- YAPI KREDİ BANKASI

Ofis Şb. Hes.No. 82460172 İBAN. TR87 0006 7010 0000 0082 4601 72

Swift: YAPITRISFEX

10- BANK ASYA

Yenişehir Diyarbakır Hes. No: 121-2762474-1 İBAN: TR53 0020 8001 2102 7624 7400 01

Swift: ASYATRIS

11- DENİZBANK: Diyarbakır Merkez Şube: HESAP No: 9410-4977417-351

İBAN: TR93 0013 4000 0049 7741 7000 01

Swift: DENITRIS