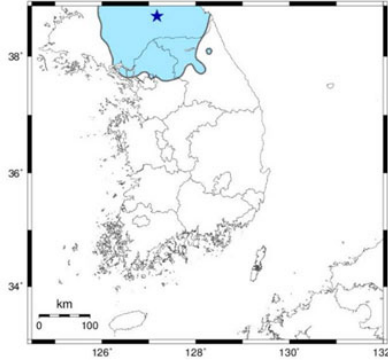


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## Earthquake Rattles Inter-Korean Border Region

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An earthquake measuring 3.8 on the Richter scale rattled a region in North Korea on Monday 40 km north of the border with South Korea.

According to the Korea Meteorological Administration, the quake occurred at around 7:45 p.m. on Monday in Pyongan Province with the epicenter 16 km below the surface.


The KMA initially announced the magnitude of the quake at 4.0 based on automatic readings but revised it after more analysis.

As of 8 p.m., there were four reports in Seoul from people who felt tremors, 31 in surrounding Gyeonggi Province and Gangwon Province to the east.

There were fears that the quake was caused by another underground nuclear test, but the KMA said the cause was unclear.

Woo Nam-chul at the KMA said, "Artificial earthquakes and natural earthquakes display clearly different longitudinal and transverse waves. Natural earthquakes shake both ways, but artificial earthquakes are explosions and the transverse waves are much stronger."

The last time an earthquake was detected in North Korea was in September of 2017 at the time of its sixth nuclear test.

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