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GENERAL BULLETIN INFORMATION

The National Centre for Geophysical Research is a governmental agency established 1975 in Lebanon by the National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS). The mission of the Centre, among other assignments, is the monitoring of seismic activity within the national territory. Currently, the national seismic network is under deployment; it has been officially registered as GRAL, an acronym for Geophysical Research Arrays of Lebanon. Station coordinates and status are given below.

Since 1993, the Centre has been participating in a regional initiative by the UNESCO and the USGS known as RELEMR, i.e. Reducing Earthquake Losses in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

Within this framework, the Centre routinely contributes to the database set up for this purpose and maintained by the Euro-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC). For coherence, the Centre has adopted the recommended seismic analysis system SEISAN developed by Jens Havskov and Lars Ottemoller from the University of Bergen, Norway.

The localization program currently used for locating earthquakes is Hypocenter (Lienert et al., 1986). Plane parallel layers are assumed for local and regional events, while the IASPEI travel time tables are used for distant events.

The velocity model used for all local and regional events is the one currently adopted by the RELEMR initiative.

P-wave velocity (km/sec)	depth to top of layer (km)
6.2	0.0
6.8	14.0
8.05	34.0
8.25	50.0
8.5	80.0

Magnitudes are calculated from the coda duration. The coda wave magnitude is estimated via the formula:

$$M_c = 0.08 + 1.63 * \log_{10}(T) + 0.0009 * D.$$

where T is the coda duration (sec) and D is the epicentral distance (km). The coefficients above were adopted at the outset of our Centre in 1980 and thus are still in use for the sake of continuity.

All available coda values are used for magnitude calculations. No station corrections are used for either travel times or magnitudes calculations. The V_p/V_s velocity ratio used in both layered models above is 1.74.

As a general policy, neither depths, nor epicenters, are fixed unless stated otherwise since this might restrict later use of the data. Consequently, some event locations might be unrealistic such as zero depth earthquakes or teleseismic locations off by 1000 km. However, the locations are based on the available data and reflect the localization procedure and the models used.

STATIONS USED

The stations listed below are operated by the National Centre for Geophysical Research. They constitute the basic setup of the National Seismic Network of Lebanon.

However, readings from other cooperating agencies are also used in locating the events and thus more stations may appear in the event lists than in the station list; it is worth mentioning the systematic use of arrival times from the Cypriot seismic network CSS in order to constrain events corresponding to an active zone off the Lebanese shorelines.

STATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	HEIGHT(m)	NAME	COMMENTS
BHL	3354.25N	3539.25E	1000	BHANNES	Opened May 1980
HWQ	3416.68N	3556.78E	1161	HAWQA	Opened Jan 2001
MATL	3329.32N	3519.78E	5	MATARIH	Opened Nov 2000
FKH	3414.13N	3624.11E	1170	FAKEHEH	Scheduled 2003
RCY	3329.08N	3549.13E	1360	RACHAYA	Scheduled 2003
DWR	3323.13N	3524.08E	420	DWEIR	Scheduled 2003

MACROSEISMIC DATA

Macroseismic data, if available, are included in the bulletin.

MONTHLY EPICENTER MAPS

Maps will be found on the last page.

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION

This provisional bulletin will be available for download in pdf format on:
<http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/geophysicalresearch/>

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Abbreviations:

TIME: Origin time in UTC (hr. min. and sec.) or data file onset time if event is not located.

LAT: Latitude of epicenter

LON: Longitude of epicenter

DEPTH: Focal depth in kilometer (trailing F indicates fixed depth)

AGENCY: GRL throughout the bulletin, aka. Geophysical Research Lebanon

MAGNITUDES: Up to 3 different magnitudes can be given followed by type and reporting agency, e.g. 3.1 MC GRL - coda magnitude calculated according to GRL standard parameters.

RMS: Root mean square value of travel time residuals

STAT: Station code

CO: Component; S:short period, L:long period, B:broadband.

DIST: Epicenter distance (km)

AZI: Azimuth from source to station

PHAS: Phase; The first letter characterizes onset E(mergent) or I(mpulsive)

P: Polarity (C for compression, D for dilatation)

HR: Hour

MN: Minute

SECON: Seconds

TRES: Residual (seconds)

CODA: Signal duration in seconds

AMPL: Ground Amplitude ($0.5 * (\text{peak to peak})$), (nm) at period PERI

PERI: Period where amplitude is measured

BAZ: Back azimuth (station to event)

ARES: Back azimuth residual

VELO: Apparent phase velocity (km/sec)

WT: Weight of phase in the location

*: An asterisk before the phase arrival time implies a potential timing error. If an S phase is read, differential S-P times will be used in the hypocenter location.

January 1 2004 Hour: 12: 7 49.8 Lat: 34.22N Lon: 35.71E Depth:148 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 3.4MC REL Rms: 0.7 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ	22.73	73	IPG		12 8	9.53	0.5	74						1.0
HWQ	SE	22.73	73	ISG		12 8	22.57	-0.8							1.0
BHL	SZ	35.38	188	IPG		12 8	9.87	0.5							1.0
BHL	SE	35.38	188	ISG		12 8	24.45	0.6							1.0
MATL	SZ	88.39	204	IPG		12 8	10.82	-0.9							1.0

January 1 2004 Hour: 13:33 0.9 Lat: 36.13N Lon: 36.06E Depth: 15 Agency: REL Regional
Magnitudes: 3.4MC REL Rms: 0.9 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ	205.6	183	EPN		1333	30.51	-0.5	61			238	125	58.2	1.0
HWQ	SE	205.6	183	SN		1333	52.13	-1.2							1.0
BHL	SZ	249.6	189	EPN		1333	37.07	0.6							1.0
BHL	SE	249.6	189	SN		1334	3.93	1.1							1.0

January 3 2004 Hour: 17:19 1.6 Agency: REL Regional

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ			EPN		1720	31.75								
HWQ	SN			SN		1721	42.51								
BHL	SE			SN		1721	39.10								

January 3 2004 Hour: 17:53 55.5 Lat: 34.67N Lon: 36.25E Depth: 15 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.7MC REL Rms: 0.4 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ	51.51	213	IPG		1754	4.79	0.7	48			302	91	17.8	1.0
HWQ	SN	51.51	213	ISG		1754	10.22	-0.2							1.0
BHL	SZ	101.0	213	IPG		1754	10.86	-0.4							1.0
BHL	SE	101.0	213	ISG		1754	22.90	-0.1							1.0

January 5 2004 Hour: 9:15 17.5 Lat: 33.75N Lon: 35.77E Depth: 15 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.0MC REL Rms: 0.2 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
BHL	SZ	20.63	328	IPG		915	21.99	0.3	25			262	114	41.3	1.0
BHL	SN	20.63	328	ISG		915	24.44	-0.4							1.0
HWQ	SZ	61.23	15	IPG		915	27.62	0.1							1.0
HWQ	SN	61.23	15	ISG		915	34.90	0.0							1.0

January 5 2004 Hour: 12:35 48.9 Lat: 33.51N Lon: 35.74E Depth: 0 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.7MC REL Rms: 1.0 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
MATL	SZ	38.59	266	IPG		1235	55.91	0.8							1.0
BHL	SZ	44.23	349	IPG		1235	54.89	-1.2	49						1.0
BHL	SE	44.23	349	ISG		1236	0.96	-0.4							1.0
HWQ	SZ	86.95	12	IPG		1236	2.26	-0.7							1.0
HWQ	SE	86.95	12	ISG		1236	14.83	1.5							1.0

January 6 2004 Hour: 10:36 42.2 Agency: REL Regional

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ	1767	206	EP		1040	25.07	-0.4							1.0
BHL	SZ	1815	207	EP		1040	31.80	0.8							1.0
MATL	SZ	1869	207	EP		1040	36.69	-0.3							1.0

January 6 2004 Hour: 13:36 24.8 Lat: 33.80N Lon: 35.59E Depth: 34 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.5MC REL Rms: 1.9 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
BHL	SZ	12.86	28	IPG		1336	30.73	0.2							1.0
BHL	SN	12.86	28	ISG		1336	35.27	0.5							1.0
MATL	SZ	42.24	215	IPG		1336	32.17	-0.9							1.0
HWQ	SZ	62.29	32	IPG		1336	38.80	3.1	38						1.0
HWQ	SN	62.29	32	ISG		1336	40.95	-2.8							1.0

January 10 2004 Hour: 12:45 23.7 Lat: 33.69N Lon: 35.76E Depth: 6 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.0MC REL Rms: 0.6 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
BHL	SZ	26.06	338	IPG		1245	27.40	-0.7	24			158	0	16.9	1.0
BHL	SE	26.06	338	ISG		1245	31.80	0.4							1.0
HWQ	SZ	67.98	15	IPG		1245	35.51	0.7							1.0
HWQ	SE	67.98	15	ISG		1245	42.53	-0.4							1.0

January 12 2004 Hour: 16:41 26.2 Lat: 36.44N Lon: 36.43E Depth: 15 Agency: REL Regional
Magnitudes: 4.1MC REL Rms: 1.0 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ	243.5	191	EPN		1642	0.80	-0.3				234	136	31.6	1.0
HWQ	SE	243.5	191	SN		1642	27.80	0.9							1.0
BHL	SZ	289.8	194	EPN		1642	5.02	-1.8	96			18	4	33.7	1.0
BHL	SE	289.8	194	SN		1642	37.44	0.6							1.0
MATL	SZ	342.2	197	EPN		1642	13.77	0.6							1.0

January 12 2004 Hour: 20:9 30.5 Lat: 34.42N Lon: 32.50E Depth: 0 Agency: REL Regional
Magnitudes: 4.0MC REL Rms: 0.4 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
MATL	SZ	281.2	111	EPN		2010	11.86	0.4	90						1.0
MATL	SZ	281.2	111	SN		2010	41.71	-0.1							1.0
BHL	SZ	296.4	100	EPN		2010	13.79	0.3							1.0
BHL	SN	296.4	100	SN		2010	44.91	-0.4							1.0
HWQ	SZ	317.5	92	EPN		2010	15.48	-0.6							1.0
HWQ	SE	317.5	92	SN		2010	50.34	0.5							1.0

January 12 2004 Hour: 22:51 48.8 Lat: 34.84N Lon: 36.34E Depth: 14 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.5MC REL Rms: 0.3 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ	72.03	210	IPG		2252	0.43	-0.3	38			323	67	61.0	1.0
HWQ	SE	72.03	210	ISG		2252	9.13	-0.3							1.0
BHL	SZ	121.4	211	IPG		2252	8.62	0.1							1.0
BHL	SE	121.4	211	ISG		2252	23.66	0.5							1.0

January 13 2004 Hour: 4:36 1.3 Agency: REL Regional

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ			EPN		436	31.58								
HWQ	SE			SN		436	57.65								
BHL	SN			SN		437	6.12								

January 15 2004 Hour: 13:36 0.6 Agency: REL Local

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ			IPG		1337	7.85								
BHL	SZ			IPG		1337	15.13								
HWQ	SE			ISG		1337	16.42								
BHL	SN			ISG		1337	27.80								

January 16 2004 Hour: 20:38 14.6 Lat: 34.90N Lon: 36.44E Depth: 19 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 3.2MC REL Rms: 0.5 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ	82.12	213	IPG		2038	27.43	-0.3	77						1.0
HWQ	SE	82.12	213	ISG		2038	36.67	-0.8							1.0
BHL	SZ	131.6	213	IPG		2038	35.43	0.5							1.0
BHL	SE	131.6	213	ISG		2038	50.74	0.7							1.0
MATL	SZ	186.6	213	EPN		2038	41.75	-0.2							1.0

January 16 2004 Hour: 22:36 44.2 Lat: 33.88N Lon: 36.09E Depth: 14 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.2MC REL Rms: 0.5 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
BHL	SZ	40.65	273	IPG		2236	51.53	0.3	28			178	85	17.8	1.0
BHL	SN	40.65	273	ISG		2236	55.91	-0.5							1.0
HWQ	SZ	45.86	343	IPG		2236	52.69	0.7							1.0
HWQ	SN	45.86	343	ISG		2236	57.11	-0.6							1.0

January 18 2004 Hour: 11: 8 0.8 Agency: REL Local

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
BHL	SZ			IPG		11 8	34.86								
HWQ	SZ			IPG		11 8	39.89								
BHL	SN			ISG		11 8	49.77								
HWQ	SE			ISG		11 8	51.95								

January 18 2004 Hour: 13:17 44.4 Lat: 33.90N Lon: 35.69E Depth: 15 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.0MC REL Rms: 0.3 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
BHL	SZ	3.722	269	IPG		1317	46.61	-0.4	25			250	162	39.0	1.0
BHL	SE	3.722	269	ISG		1317	49.26	0.3							1.0
HWQ	SZ	47.47	29	IPG		1317	52.75	0.4							1.0
HWQ	SN	47.47	29	ISG		1317	58.13	-0.2							1.0

January 19 2004 Hour: 12:13 1.3 Agency: REL Local

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ			IPG		1213	52.05								
BHL	SE			ISG		1214	14.03								
HWQ	SE			ISG		1214	1.79								
BHL	SZ			IPG		1213	59.38								

January 21 2004 Hour: 2:51 3.3 Lat: 33.59N Lon: 35.79E Depth: 0 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.5MC REL Rms: 0.6 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
BHL	SZ	37.05	340	IPG		251	8.55	-0.8	41						1.0
BHL	SE	37.05	340	ISG		251	13.73	0.0							1.0
MATL	SZ	44.23	255	IPG		251	10.94	0.5							1.0
HWQ	SZ	77.67	11	IPG		251	15.48	-0.4							1.0
HWQ	SE	77.67	11	ISG		251	25.89	0.7							1.0

January 21 2004 Hour: 12:48 0.3 Agency: REL Local

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ			IPG		1248	42.85								
HWQ	SN			ISG		1248	52.23								
BHL	SZ			IPG		1248	49.61								

January 28 2004 Hour: 21:49 10.5 Lat: 34.68N Lon: 35.88E Depth: 15 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 2.5MC REL Rms: 0.2 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ	44.84	172	IPG		2149	18.35	0.3	38			59	67	44.1	1.0
HWQ	SN	44.84	172	ISG		2149	23.69	0.0							1.0
BHL	SZ	88.37	194	IPG		2149	24.25	-0.2							1.0
BHL	SN	88.37	194	ISG		2149	34.78	0.0							1.0

January 31 2004 Hour: 1:53 0.4 Lat: 34.15N Lon: 33.38E Depth: 16 Agency: REL Regional
Magnitudes: 4.2MC REL Rms: 1.8 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
BHL	SZ	212.3	97	EPN		153	33.53	2.2				167	-99	9.8	1.0
BHL	SE	212.3	97	SN		153	53.18	-1.0							1.0
HWQ	SZ	237.4	86	EPN		153	35.46	1.0	130						1.0
HWQ	SN	237.4	86	SN		153	57.28	-2.3							1.0

January 31 2004 Hour: 18:19 22.2 Lat: 33.80N Lon: 36.70E Depth: 0 Agency: REL Local
Magnitudes: 3.3MC REL Rms: 0.0 secs

STAT	CO	DIST	AZI	PHASE	P	HRMN	SECON	TRES	CODA	AMPL	PERI	BAZ	ARES	VELO	WT
HWQ	SZ	87.63	308	IPG		1819	36.25	0.0	87						1.0
HWQ	SE	87.63	308	ISG		1819	46.79	0.0							1.0
BHL	SZ	97.37	277	IPG		1819	37.85	0.0							1.0
BHL	SN	97.37	277	ISG		1819	49.45	0.0							1.0
MATL	SZ	131.5	255	IPG		1819	43.40	0.0							1.0

Seismic Events of January 2004 as recorded by the GRAL network

