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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.

<b>P-wave velocity (km/sec)</b>	<b>depth to top of layer (km)</b>
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:

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

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 Vp/Vs 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	3414.69N	3624.61E	1152	FAKEHEH	Opened Dec 2004
RCY	3329.79N	3550.14E	1370	RACHAYA	Opened Jun 2006
DWR	3323.13N	3524.08E	420	DWEIR	Scheduled 2003
BEYL	3352.30N	3529.59E	49	BEIRUT	Opened Jul 2006
NAQL	3307.02N	3508.46E	83	NAQOURA	Opened Jul 2008
DQRL	3342.34N	3534.21E	963	DEIR QAMAR	Opened Mar 2010

## **REGIONAL AND DISTANT EARTHQUAKES**

Because regional events and teleseisms are not localized, but simply identified, EMSC determination data are given along with phase arrivals (in general first arrival) at the stations of our network.

## **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 is available for download in pdf format on:  
<http://www.cnrs.edu.lb/grdownload.html>

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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: REL throughout the bulletin, aka. REsearch Lebanon

MAGNITUDES: Up to 3 different magnitudes can be given followed by type and reporting agency, e.g. 3.1 MC REL - coda magnitude calculated according to above mentioned formula.

EMSC: Euro-Mediterranean Seismological Centre.

OT: Origin Time

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\*(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.





**February 6 2010 Hour: 11:29 53.6** Agency: REL Regional  
 STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT  
 BHL BZ EP 1129 57.56  
 HWQ SZ EP 1129 58.96  
 RCY SZ EP 1130 3.97  
 FKH SZ EP 1130 4.03

**February 7 2010 Hour: 2:35 1.0** Agency: REL Local  
 STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT  
 BHL BZ EP 235 38.11  
 HWQ SZ EP 235 38.82

**February 7 2010 Hour: 6: 9 26.5** Agency: REL Distant  
**EMSC OT=06:09:59.4 23.54N 123.70E 10Km Mw=6.5 RYUKYU ISL.,JAPAN**  
 STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT  
 FKH SZ EP 621 41.39  
 BHL BZ EP 621 45.15  
 RCY SZ EP 621 45.48

**February 7 2010 Hour: 22:46 35.2** Agency: REL Distant  
**EMSC OT=22:28:20.3 23.33S 179.82W 536Km Mw=5.8 FIJI ISLANDS**  
 STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT  
 RCY SZ EP 2247 3.79  
 BHL BZ EP 2247 3.77

**February 10 2010 Hour: 4:12 4.0 Lat: 34.11N Lon: 35.71E Depth: 23** Agency: REL Local  
**Magnitudes: 2.9MC REL**  
**KESROUANE**  
 Rms: 0.1 secs

STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT  
 BHL BZ 24 192 EP 412 9.27-0.03 48 1.0  
 BHL BE 24 192 ES 412 13.23-0.03 1.0  
 HWQ SZ 29 50 EP 412 9.96 0.09 1.0  
 FKH SZ 66 77 EP 412 14.84-0.09 1.0  
 RCY SZ 69 170 EP 412 15.39 0.01 47 1.0  
 RCY SE 69 170 ES 412 23.86 0.04 1.0

**February 11 2010 Hour: 11:15 19.8 Lat: 34.39N Lon: 36.71E Depth: 0** Agency: REL Local  
**Magnitudes: 3.0MC REL**  
**NEBEK REGION**  
 Rms: 0.2 secs

STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT  
 FKH SZ 32 240 EP 1115 24.77-0.18 58 1.0  
 FKH SN 32 240 ES 1115 28.77 0.02 1.0  
 HWQ SZ 71 260 EP 1115 31.44 0.13 1.0  
 HWQ SN 71 260 ES 1115 39.82-0.01 1.0  
 BHL BZ 111 241 EP 1115 36.91-0.83 0.2  
 RCY SZ 128 219 EP 1115 40.50 0.09 1.0  
 RCY SN 128 219 ES 1115 55.67 0.01 1.0

**February 11 2010 Hour: 21:53 27.1** Agency: REL Regional  
**EMSC OT=21:56:30.8 33.98N 25.42E 10Km Mw=5.3 EASTERN MED SEA**

STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT  
 BHL BZ EP 2158 34.31  
 RCY SZ EP 2158 35.27  
 HWQ SZ EP 2158 37.38  
 FKH SZ EP 2158 40.85

**February 12 2010 Hour: 22: 1 13.3 Lat: 33.34N Lon: 35.39E Depth: 0** Agency: REL Local  
**Magnitudes: 2.7MC REL**  
**SOUTH LEBANON**  
 Rms: 0.0 secs

STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT  
 MATL SZ 17 341 EP 22 1 15.98-0.01 1.0  
 NAQL SZ 34 223 EP 22 1 18.78 0.01 1.0  
 RCY SZ 45 68 EP 22 1 20.46-0.04 39 1.0









<b>February 23 2010 Hour: 2:37 48.4</b>	<b>Agency: REL Regional</b>
<b>EMSC OT=02:36:55.2 36.40N 28.56E 60Km ML=3.7 DODECANESE ISLANDS</b>	
STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT	
BHL BZ EP 238 22.00	
NAQL SZ EP 238 23.78	
HWQ SZ EP 238 24.43	
RCY SZ EP 238 27.61	
<b>February 23 2010 Hour: 5:3 2.5</b>	<b>Agency: REL Regional</b>
<b>EMSC OT=05:03:01.2 34.84N 32.19E 5Km ML=3.4 CYPRUS REGION</b>	
STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT	
RCY SZ EP 5 3 51.89	
HWQ SZ EP 5 3 50.24	
<b>February 23 2010 Hour: 10:26 54.9</b>	<b>Agency: REL Regional</b>
<b>EMSC OT=10:25:54.2 32.56N 48.26E 10Km mb=5.1 WESTERN IRAN</b>	
STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT	
HWQ SZ EP 1028 29.58	
BHL BZ EP 1028 30.87	
<b>February 24 2010 Hour: 4:37 1.0</b>	<b>Agency: REL Regional</b>
<b>EMSC OT=04:36:41.4 36.19N 36.03E 2Km ML=3.1 TURKEY-SYRIA REG</b>	
STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT	
FKH SZ EP 437 12.89	
HWQ SZ EP 437 13.25	
<b>February 24 2010 Hour: 9:38 5.0 Lat: 34.41N Lon: 36.73E Depth: 0 Agency: REL Local Magnitudes: 3.0MC REL NEBEK REGION</b>	<b>Rms: 0.1 secs</b>
STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT	
FKH SZ 34 238 EP 938 10.44-0.14 60 1.0	
FKH SN 34 238 ES 938 14.65-0.04 1.0	
HWQ BZ 73 259 EP 938 16.85 0.01 1.0	
HWQ BN 73 259 ES 938 25.65 0.06 1.0	
RCY SZ 131 219 EP 938 26.20 0.11 1.0	
<b>February 24 2010 Hour: 11:49 2.9 Lat: 34.39N Lon: 36.75E Depth: 1 Agency: REL Local Magnitudes: 3.0MC REL NEBEK REGION</b>	<b>Rms: 0.1 secs</b>
STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT	
FKH SZ 35 244 EP 1149 8.39-0.18 60 1.0	
HWQ BZ 75 261 EP 1149 15.05 0.04 1.0	
HWQ BN 75 261 ES 1149 24.02 0.04 1.0	
BHL BZ 115 242 EP 1149 21.24-0.12 0.2	
RCY SZ 130 221 EP 1149 24.02 0.16 1.0	
RCY SN 130 221 ES 1149 39.34-0.05 1.0	
<b>February 25 2010 Hour: 10:22 23.5 Lat: 33.99N Lon: 36.15E Depth: 35 Agency: REL Local Magnitudes: 2.8MC REL HERMEL BAALBEK REGION</b>	<b>Rms: 0.0 secs</b>
<b>Earthquake was felt</b>	
STAT CO DIST AZI PHASE P HRMN SECON TRES CODA AMPL PERI BAZ ARES VELO WT	
HWQ SZ 37 330 EP 1022 31.35-0.04 45 1.0	
HWQ SN 37 330 ES 1022 37.25 0.02 1.0	
BHL BZ 47 258 EP 1022 32.50 0.00 1.0	
RCY SZ 62 208 EP 1022 34.46 0.04 1.0	
RCY SN 62 208 ES 1022 42.47-0.02 1.0	





# Epicentral Map of Lebanon

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### Magnitudes

- $M_I = 2$
- $M_I = 3$
- $M_I = 4$
- $M_I = 5$
- ★ Felt

