

“DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED IN THREE DAYS IN QUAKE-HIT KARLIOVA DISTRICT”

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Vice President Fuat Oktay made a statement in the Bingöl province.

Oktay said damage assessments would be completed in three days.

He said the situation could be easily overcome and that Elmali was among the villages most affected by the earthquake.

Oktay stated that several homes, schools, animal shelters, public housing units and a police station were heavily damaged and some were demolished.

He said all of the country's aid agencies were currently at the scene, including the Turkish Red Crescent and Disaster and Emergency Management Authority.

Oktay said tents and warm food were being distributed to residents.

More than 1,300 tents were delivered to the region and officials say everything is under control in the affected villages and towns.

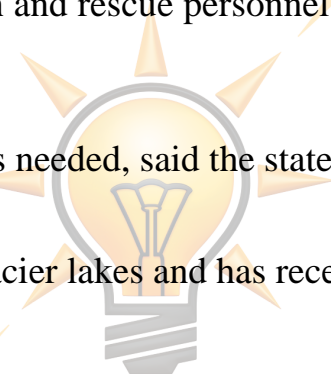
It was later confirmed that the village guard who was trapped under the wreckage was martyred in Kaynarpinar.

The Interior Ministry said 26 vehicles and 109 health and rescue personnel were sent to the region.

Two military aircraft are on alert if any further help is needed, said the statement.

Bingöl is surrounded by mountains and numerous glacier lakes and has recently become a popular tourist destination.

Tremors were also felt in neighboring provinces including Erzurum, Trabzon, Erzincan, Kars, Batman, Diyarbakir, Siirt, Mardin, Elazığ and Malatya.



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