

BIMSTEC Leaders' Joint Statement
On the Impact of the Earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand
on 28 March 2025

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1. The Member States of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) express their deepest condolences to the governments and peoples of Myanmar and Thailand in the aftermath of the powerful earthquake of 7.7 magnitude that struck central Myanmar on 28 March 2025.
2. This tragic event has caused immense loss of life, injuries, and widespread damage, particularly in the areas surrounding the epicenter. The tremors were also felt in neighboring countries. BIMSTEC stands in solidarity with the affected people and communities.
3. BIMSTEC will work through its established mechanisms to support relief and recovery efforts, including collaboration through the BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate to provide critical weather information and enhance early warning systems in the region. BIMSTEC also acknowledges the importance of strengthening regional capacities for disaster management and emphasizes the earliest establishment of the BIMSTEC Disaster Management Centre.
4. We appreciate efforts of the BIMSTEC Member States in providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to Myanmar.
5. BIMSTEC remains resolute in its commitment to strengthening regional cooperation in disaster management, climate change and humanitarian assistance, effectively mitigating the impact of natural disasters, and working towards a Prosperous, Resilient and Open BIMSTEC, in accordance with the BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030.
