

《双语新闻：新疆伊犁发生6.6级地震》

BEIJING - An earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale jolted northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region at 5:07 am Saturday (Beijing Time), according to the China Earthquake Networks Center.

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The epicenter is determined at 43.4 degrees north latitude and 84.8 degrees east longitude, a mountainous area along the border of the region's Hejing and Xinyuan counties.

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The earthquake was felt strongly by residents living in Urumqi, the regional capital of Xinjiang, who reported that cable TV signals were impaired and some furniture shook drastically.

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Some residents living in Xinyuan county reported that household electricity was cut off after the quake, and residents in a neighboring county said they were shaken out of bed by the quake.

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Officials of the region's Ili Kazak autonomous prefecture have sent work teams to the quake-hit area to investigate the casualties and damages from the quake.

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