

《日本发生7.1级地震》

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A major earthquake struck off Japan's northeastern coast Sunday, prompting tsunami advisories that were later canceled, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said.

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Small tsunamis were observed along the coast, measuring between 10 and 20 centimeters, said the JMA.

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There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, according to the Japanese news agency Kyodo.

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The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake struck at 10:57 a.m. at the epicenter, about 130 miles east of Sendai. The earthquake was more than 20 miles deep and had a magnitude of 7.0, the USGS said.

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The JMA measured the magnitude of the quake at 7.1.

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Tsunami advisories were issued -- and then canceled --for the coastal regions of Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima. The areas were among the hardest hit by this year's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

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Officials in Ofunato, a city in Iwate, advised residents to evacuate.

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The JMA, immediately after the quake, forecast the height of the tsunami could reach half a meter (about 20 inches).

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No immediate abnormalities were reported at nearby nuclear facilities, according to Kyodo.

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"It's just a continuing of the aftershocks of that devastating 9.0," said Dale Grant, a geophysicist with the USGS, referring to the March quake. "These kinds of aftershocks are likely to occur for some time."

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