



We were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the devastating earthquake, which has caused such destruction and loss of life in Van, Turkey. 534 people were confirmed killed as of Wednesday Oct. 27 after the earthquake hit parts of southeast Turkey on Sunday with rescue teams working through the night to free trapped survivors. 2,300 were wounded, it is reported. More were feared dead, as Turkey's most powerful quake in a decade toppled remote villages of mud brick houses.

We extend our deepest condolences to the victims of the earthquake who lost their relatives, homes and their livelihoods. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who has been affected by this terrible quake. We ask God Almighty to give them solace and hope in the difficult days ahead. We wish an earliest recovery, materially and spiritually.

Turkish American Community has started a campaign for those who want to join us to extend a helping hand to the victims who were affected by this catastrophe. Please visit [Helping Hands Relief Foundation](http://hhrelief.org/)

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