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REPORT ON THE 24/05/2021 EARTHQUAKE RECORDED IN NAMIBIA

The Ministry of Mines and Energy confirms that an earthquake was recorded approximately 12 kilometers west of Kamanjab in the early hours of Monday, 24 May 2021 at 10:25 AM Namibian Time. The event was recorded by seven seismic stations of the Namibian Seismology Network, namely Windhoek, Kamanjab, Opuwo, Rundu, Katima, Karibib, and Aus. The earthquake registered a preliminary local magnitude (*ML*) of 4.9 as recorded by the Namibian Seismological Network at latitude (Y): -19.606° South, longitude (X): 14.958° East. The earthquake was shallow at a depth of less than 15 km. A team of geoscientists will be dispatched to the field on Wednesday, 26 May 2021 to conduct an intensity survey of the earthquake.

The public is advised to take the following precautionary measures when an earthquake occurs.

- If you find yourself indoors, try going outside safely when possible, otherwise find refuge under the table.
- If you are outdoors, find a clear spot well clear of buildings, trees and power lines.
- Stay and face away from windows.
- Watch out for falling objects.

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