

THE ROLE OF TURKISH CUSTOMS IN DISASTER RELIEF

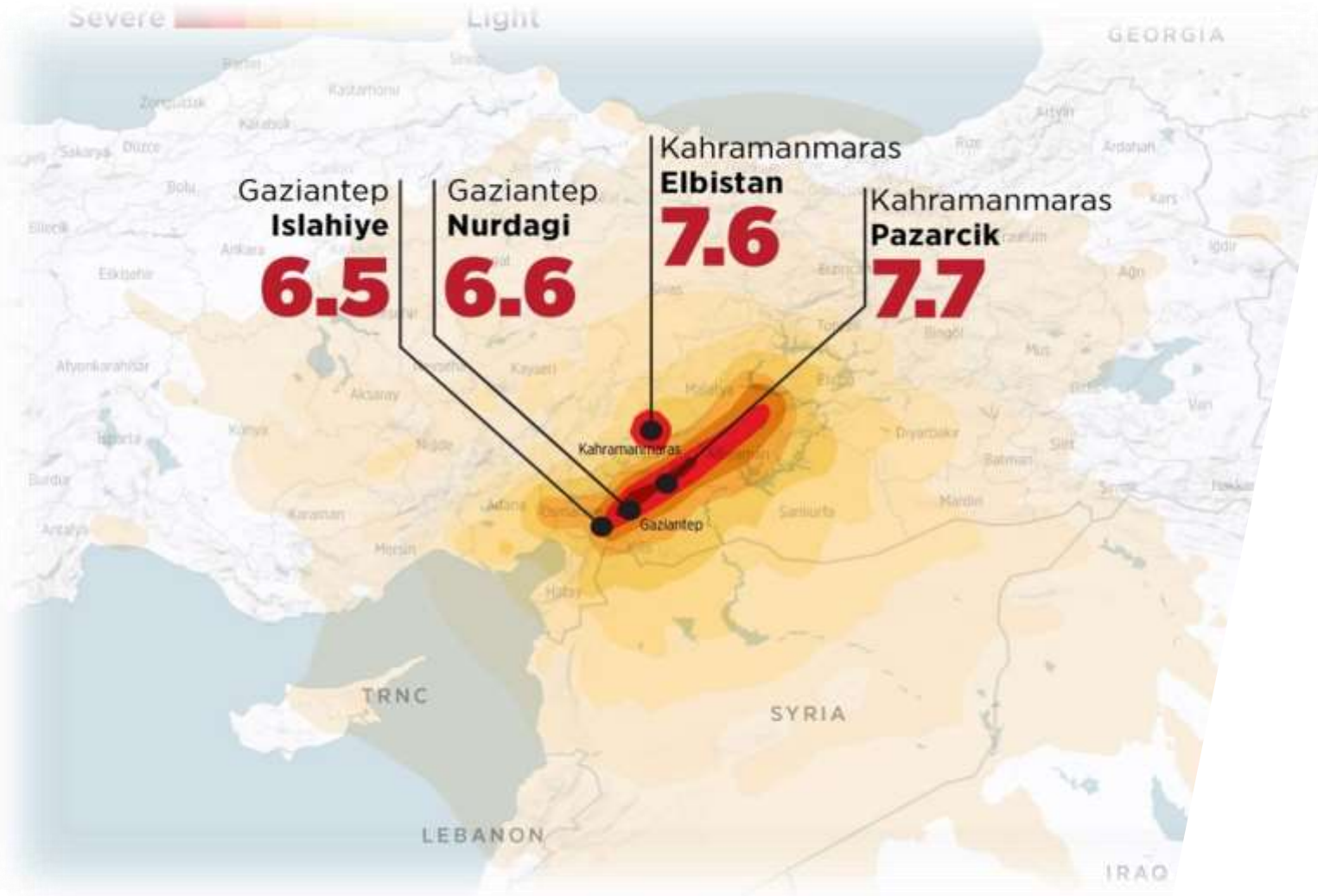


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RECENT EARTHQUAKES



- ❑ A series of earthquakes and aftershocks
- ❑ 350.000 km² land
- ❑ 13 cities in Türkiye,
- ❑ 4 cities in Syria
- ❑ 16 million people in total



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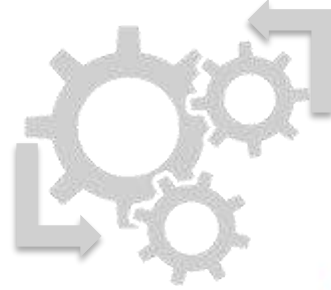
STRUCTURE IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRESIDENCY

- Ministry of Interior
- Türkiye Disaster Response Plan
- Recent Earthquake «Level 4»
- Emergency Operations Center



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- Ministries
- Public Institutions
- Non Governmental Organisations



TURKISH CUSTOMS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

PREPERATIONS

- Keeping up to date
- Modifying the legislation (international standarts, case studies, experiences etc.)
- Training activies (Exercises etc.)



ACTIONS

- Implementing measures taken
- Coordinating and cooperating with relevant bodies
- Ensuring smooth communication
- 7/24 Service



RECOVERY

- Providing waiver or deferral of duties, taxes, fees and penalties
- Increasing public contribution in forms of political and financial incentives



TURKISH CUSTOMS IN ACTION

3C APPROACH

Cooperation
Coordination
Communication

- A member of the Emergency Management Center on DEMP
- 7/24 shifts
- Providing information *(Press Release/Social media posts/Turkish representatives abroad)*
- Procedures with minimum time and effort



FACILITATION OF CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

- Pre-arrival notifications & Prioritization
- Oral Declaration *(list of goods and a bill of lading if available)*
- ATA Carnet, security and letter of undertaking (public inst.) for temporary admission
- Expedited transactions for passenger belongings and professional equipments of the int'l teams.



TURKISH CUSTOMS IN ACTION

RISK ANALYSIS FOR RELIEF GOODS

Non intrusive methods and risk assessment through data mining

For facilitated procedures, consignee should be a public institution (DEMP in the recent case)

Generally, medicines were not considered as relief goods due to safety and security concerns

Food items were also subject to controls due to sanitary and halal concerns

RELIEF GOODS TO SYRIA

In coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international organisations, customs transactions of relief goods sent to Syria also expedited.



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Thank You

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