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The Indonesian island of Sumatra was rocked Sunday by the third major earthquake to hit there since the massive Boxing Day, tsunami triggering temblor. [-{lex}](#) **Third Quake Sends Sumatrans Fleeing for High Ground**

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A 6.8 Richter magnitude [earthquake struck today off the coast of Sumatra](#) , sending panicked residents of the west coast city of Padang fleeing for high ground. The sub-seabed quake's epicenter is estimated at 25 kilometers below the seabed and roughly 110 kilometers southwest of the city.

In late March, an 8.7 Richter shaker in the same area killed more than 600 people.

No tsunami activity has been reported, but nervous locals were not waiting for official directions to evacuate the coast. For those staying behind, a series of aftershocks kept people out of doors.

Sumatra suffered the brunt of the last December's earthquake and tsunami.