

## A CALL FOR AID WAS MADE FOR THE SECOND-LARGEST EARTHQUAKE IN THE LAST CENTURY

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An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.7 occurred at 04:17 this morning in the Pazarcık District of Kahramanmaraş. After the earthquake that caused loss of life and property in many cities such as Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana and Malatya, Internal Affairs Minister Süleyman Soylu called for international aid. Asst. Prof. Dr. Ali Semin from Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Department of Political Science and International Relations, underlined that the international call for help is of great importance and also added transportation and communication processes in the disaster area should be managed in such extraordinary times.

## AFAD'S (DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRESIDENCY) SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUE

The 7.7 magnitude earthquake that occurred at a depth of 7 km from the ground caused destruction in many centers such as Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Gaziantep, Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa and Adana. While municipalities, governorships and the Turkish Armed Forces continue their search and rescue efforts in the disaster area, AFAD has warned the victims not to enter the damaged buildings. Internal Affairs Minister Süleyman Soylu, who gave the 4th level alarm from the disaster area, stated that this alarm also includes the international call for help.

The second-largest earthquake encountered in the last century took place in Kahramanmaraş this morning. Asst. Prof. Dr. Ali Semin: "Turkey has always sent aid to many disaster areas in the international arena. After the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that occurred in our country this morning and caused many casualties, an international call for help was made. In cases of emergencies and very serious dangers, a 4th-level alarm is given. This alarm explains the situation in Kahramanmaraş. What kind of support and help is needed in our country over time, the scope of the call for help will be shaped accordingly. There are expectations that international aid organizations, organizations and governments of countries, especially the countries with which Turkey is a brother, will respond to this call."

## "RED ALERT FOR TURKEY"

Stating that there is a red alert for Turkey, Asst. Prof. Dr. Ali Semin said: "Turkey is a country that has been struggling with natural disasters for years. Considering the level of the earthquake and the destruction it caused, it is obvious that the situation is much more serious this time. Our country is a country that can seriously fight against disasters. Another crucial issue within the scope of the call in the international arena is how international organizations will help our country. Turkey will notify the international organizations in which field and sense it needs support/aid at the moment."

## **IGU LAUNCHED A "DISASTER RELIEF CAMPAIGN FOR EARTHQUAKE REGIONS"**

After the earthquake disaster, the epicenter of which was in Kahramanmaraş and which caused great destruction in 10 provinces, Istanbul Gelisim University launched a "Disaster Relief Campaign for Earthquake Regions" to be sent to earthquake zones. The aid collected within our university is delivered to those in need with the coordination of AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency).

On the night of February 6, one of the most devastating earthquakes in our country's history took place. Earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.7 and 7.6, the epicenter of which was Kahramanmaraş, caused great destruction in Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Diyarbakır, Adana, Osmaniye, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Adıyaman, Malatya and Hatay. With this disaster, aid campaigns were launched for the earthquake zone in Turkey and all over the world. With the "Disaster Relief Campaign for Earthquake Regions", IGU also collects disaster relief materials and delivers them to those in need.

## **DISASTER RELIEF MATERIALS IS DELIVERED TO THE NEEDY**

A state of emergency was declared for 3 months in 10 provinces where the earthquake disaster that caused great destruction was experienced. People who got together from different cities of Turkey started to collect materials to be delivered to the earthquake area. The aid collected in IGU, which started the "Disaster Relief Campaign for Earthquake Regions", is delivered to those in need with the coordination of AFAD. Students and personnel can deliver necessities such as blankets, tents, diapers, food, boots and coats, scarves, berets, gloves, powerbank, convenience foods, canned food and raincoats to the "IGU J Blok SKS (Directorate of Health, Culture and Sports) Office". Disaster relief materials brought outside of working hours can be left to the IGU security.

## **FOOD PACKET SUPPORT FROM IGU STUDENTS TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

Istanbul Gelisim University Gastronomy Department students, academicians and personnel made more than 22 thousand sandwiches for those affected by the earthquake, the epicenter of which was Kahramanmaraş and which caused great destruction in 10 provinces.

On the morning of February 6, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake caused great destruction in 10 provinces, with the epicenter Kahramanmaraş. A state of emergency has been declared in disaster areas where there are many dead and injured. For the Kahramanmaraş earthquake, which is the second biggest earthquake in the last century, Istanbul Gelisim University students, staff and academicians have been helping the earthquake victims with support campaigns since the first day. This time, IGU students prepared "10.00 sandwiches a day" and provide food support to earthquake zones. The prepared food packages are delivered to the disaster victims through the Red Crescent.

## **MORE THAN 22 THOUSAND SANDWICHES WERE PREPARED**

Stating that after the earthquake that caused great destruction and loss of life, they planned and managed the process from the first moment to be with the earthquake victims, Istanbul Gelisim

University Secretary General and Gastronomy Departments Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdar Egeli said:

“As Istanbul Gelisim University, we started making sandwiches to meet the most basic need for food. Our sandwich production, which started with 10,000, has now reached 22,071. We carry out this process in our 3 separate kitchens together with our 150 gastronomy students, food engineers and gastronomy department academicians, and people who come to help from the sector and bring supplies. We established this sandwich production line to help the disaster victims. The sandwiches we make are delivered to earthquake victims through Red Crescent.”

IGU ensures that the sandwiches to be sent to disaster areas are packaged in the best way, and the expiry date is added on it, and with the support of the Red Crescent, it ensures that they reach the relevant regions with completely sheltered vehicles.

“WE ONLY ACCEPT IN-KIND AID”

Stating that as Istanbul Gelisim University, they are ready to do everything they can for everyone affected and damaged by the earthquake, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Egeli indicated, “We do not only make sandwiches for all regions affected by the earthquake, we also sent a thousand blankets to the region, as well as donated blood. We try to do what we can. As a university, we only accept in-kind aid.”