

## Algeria quickly responds to the call for international assistance Through civil protection rescuers

Earthquakes are one of the most destructive natural disasters that can occur in any part of the world. The damage caused by earthquake is immense and the rescue operations require a huge team of rescuers to save lives and help those affected...therefore, On 6th February, after the earthquake had occurred in



turkey and Syria, and the call for international assistance, the president of the republic decided to send two teams from the General Directorate of civil protection to the affected areas in order to assist in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake.

### **Mobilisation:**



Once the civil protection had the approval to be deployed, the Algerian teams certified according to INSARAG Methodology as heavy search and rescue teams.

Started up the mobilisation process through:

- activating the warning plan: alerting team members to join the national unit
- Activating the loading plan: to get all the necessary equipments to carry out the assigned tasks.
- Coordinate with the Algerian air force to ensure air transportation.

The mobilisation process was very smooth thanks the preparation and readiness of civil protection for any unforeseen disaster and thanks to the quick decision making from the Algerian authorities.

The Algerian minister of the interior said that “the civil protection teams got ready for departure within 02 hours”.



Indeed, the Algerian civil protection teams are trained to respond quickly and effectively to any emergency, providing a range of medical, logistical, and technical support services. Professional rescuers are also highly skilled in search and rescue operations, which can be critical for locating victims of natural disasters.

In addition, these professionals are also trained in providing first aid and other medical assistance to those affected by the disaster. At the mean time IL 76 aircraft of Algerian air force were ready to fly to the designated airport.

### *Departure*

Airport of departure was the military airport of Boufarik.

The IL 76 air force flew to GHAZI AINTEB in TURKEY and HALEB airport in SYRIA with 176 rescuers on board including doctors, nurses, psychologists and search and rescue specialists.

Specials flights will deliver also additional food and essentials to help suffering people.





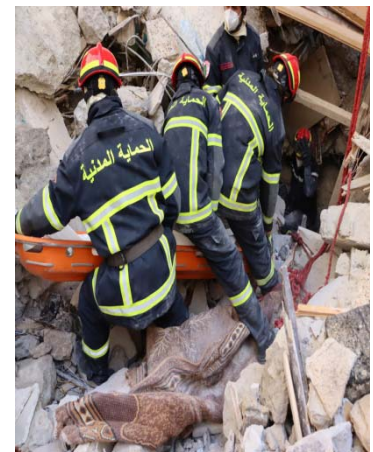
## Operation

At the airport, the Algerian rescuers landed at 01 am local time and were assigned to work in Adiyaman province in Turkey and Boustane el kasr in Syria.

A first meeting took place with disaster and emergency management authority we got an overview on the current situation and the operational priorities.

After being assigned, the Algerian rescuers established the base of operations and moved straight away to the worksites.

The earthquake has caused massive destruction and devastation, leaving many people dead or injured. Algerian Rescuers have been working tirelessly searching for survivors and retrieving bodies of those who have perished under the rubble, using search dogs and cameras.



The canine crews trained to search for living people provide assistance for other teams  
Acting beside the Algerian team.





The Algerian rescuers were doing their best and often working long hours in hazardous conditions. To ensure that all those who lost their lives in this tragedy are given a proper burial. and with their expertise and courage, despite the difficult conditions, cold and danger, Algerian rescuers were able to save 14 (13 in turkey and 01 in Syria) lives including men, women, boys, girls and even 20 days baby and also find and retrieve 130 ( 96 in turkey and 34 in Syria) bodies under the rubble that would otherwise remain lost forever.



At the meantime even the language barrier could not stop our psychologist from providing emotional support to the citizens experiencing anxiety and fear due to loss of loved ones from and family and friends

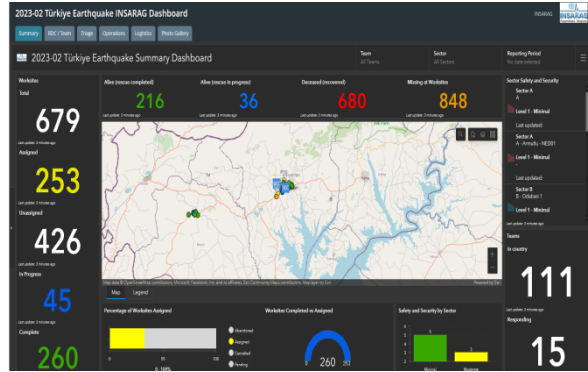


Even animals have been assisted by the Algerian Vet as part of the rescue operations.

## Coordination

To ensure that the efforts are well coordinated and resources are used efficiently Algerian teams were coordinating with rescuers participating in search and rescue operations emergency responders, medical personnel, and other volunteers.

and because it is necessary for the local authorities and experts to have an accurate and up-to-date report on the progress of the operations. the algerian team was reporting an overview of the ongoing search and rescue operations, including details on the methods used, resources deployed, successes achieved, and any potential challenges encountered during the operations to better understand how to respond more effectively ,



The Algerian civil protection teams worked together with local authorities, united nations experts thought the Virtual OSOCC , ICMS and Whats up.



This coordination requires careful planning, effective communication, and a clear understanding of each participant's roles and responsibilities. Thus why every day a coordination meeting took place between local authorities, UN experts and deployed teams

## **Media and visits:**

The efforts given by the Algerian rescuers has been highly appreciated and highlighted in several channels, newspapers and social media blogs and many interviews were carried out by reporters with the Algerian team members.

President of Syria visited the Algerian rescuers in the field.

The Algerian ambassadors in turkey and Syria.

The Worksites and team Base of Operations were the scene of different visits from Local Authorities, General Secretary of World Health Organisation,

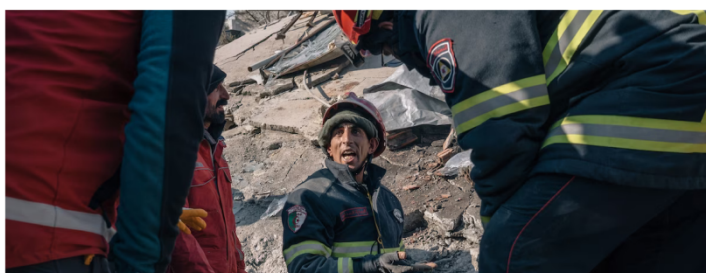
Algerian civil protection Rescuers have proven to be lifesavers in times of crisis. From natural disasters, they have demonstrated their bravery and courage in the face of danger. In many cases, their heroic actions have saved many lives. From rescuing victims trapped under the rubble to providing first aid and medical attention, civil protection rescuers are always ready to help when needed. They are a shining example of compassion in times of great need.

Thus why, at home our rescuers were received as heroes by mister the minister of the interior and the general director of civil protection at the airport. The Algerian civil protection rescuers that stepped up during this disaster were professional in their approach to help those affected. They put their own lives at risk to save others, and showed great courage and dedication. Their work was highly appreciated by the communities they served,



### **As foreign rescuers arrive, Turkish earthquake survivors scramble for aid**

By Kareem Fahim and Zeynep Karatas  
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ADIYAMAN, Turkey — Algerian rescue workers were this city's heroes for a few minutes Wednesday after they freed two children from a collapsed apartment building, on a broad boulevard lined with destruction, long past the time anyone expected good news.

and they have become heroes in the eyes of many of turkish and syrian citizens the Washington post report :