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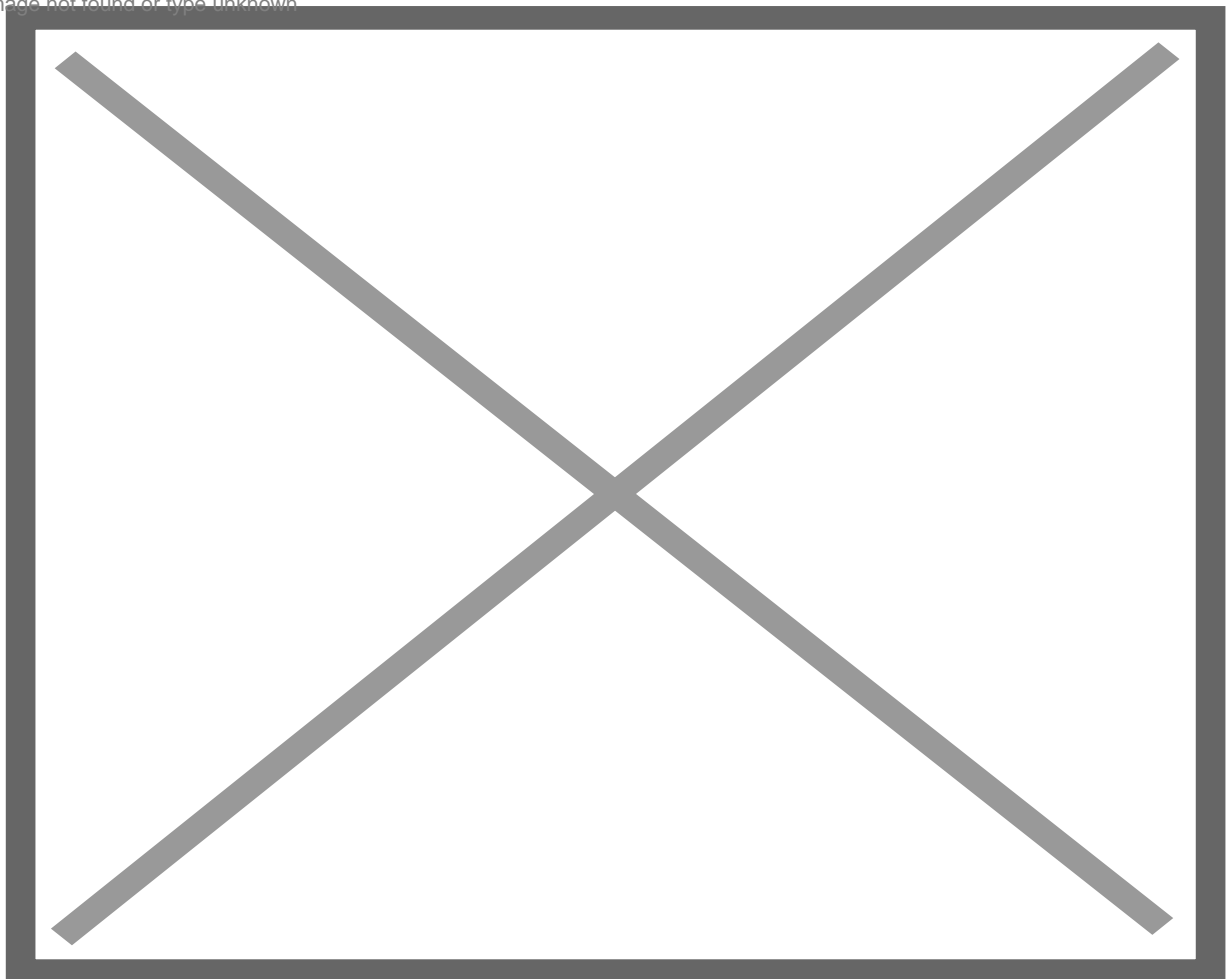
# Magnitude 4.5 Earthquake Near Venezuela May Have Affected U.S. Virgin Islands

**USGS issues alert for a 4.5 magnitude earthquake near the coast of Venezuela, potentially affecting the U.S. Virgin Islands**

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The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on Sunday issued an alert for a magnitude 4.5 earthquake near the coast of Venezuela, which may have been felt in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The announcement was made by the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency.

The preliminary USGS report provided further details on the earthquake's location, noting that the epicenter is approximately 39.7 km north-northwest of Güiría, Venezuela, and 53.8 km northeast of Yaguaraparo, Venezuela. Additionally, it is 90.1 km east-northeast of Carúpano, Venezuela, 106.4 km west-northwest of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, and 109.0 km west-northwest of Laventille, Trinidad and Tobago.

Residents in the U.S. Virgin Islands are advised to stay informed and prepared for any potential updates from VITEMA regarding seismic activities.

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