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**ODPEM CONFIRMS LIGHT EARTHQUAKE FELT IN SECTIONS OF JAMAICA**

KINGSTON, JAMAICA: The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) notes that a light earthquake was experienced in several parts of Jamaica at approximately 8:34 a.m. on Sunday, 1 March 2026.

Information from the Earthquake Unit UWI Mona indicates that the earthquake had a magnitude of 4.6 and was located approximately 10 kilometres north-east of Stony Hill in St. Andrew, at a depth of 16 kilometres.

The earthquake was reportedly felt in Kingston, St. Andrew, St. Catherine, and sections of Clarendon. At this time, ODPEM has received no reports of major damage or injuries. Assessments are ongoing through parish disaster coordinators and emergency response partners.

ODPEM reminds the public that earthquakes occur without warning and encourages all Jamaicans to remain prepared.

Several aftershocks were recorded at the time of this release. The Earthquake Unit continues to monitor the situation and will provide updates if additional information becomes available.

Individuals who felt the earthquake are encouraged to submit reports to the Earthquake Unit to support seismic monitoring and analysis.

All Jamaicans are urged to stay alert and be prepared.

For preparedness information, visit [www.odpem.org.jm](http://www.odpem.org.jm) or follow ODPEM on social media.

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