## **Earthquakes Devastate the Kumamoto Region of Japan**

In April 2016, the Kumamoto region of Japan was hit by two powerful earthquakes in the span of two days that resulted in the evacuation of nearly 70,000 people. The two powerful earthquakes, one a fore-shock which later led to a main-shock, registered the maximum 7 on the Japanese Seismic Intensity Scale and caused more than \$2.5 Billion in damages due to their very shallow depth of 10km. In total, over 190,000 houses and buildings were damaged and 8,000 were left completely destroyed.

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