

On Earthquake Preparedness in Israel

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ABSTRACT

Apart from organizational aspects of preparing for strong earthquake, that eventually will occur, there are conceptual aspects which involve prevention acts and response that should be clarified and hopefully accepted by different disciplines involved with earthquake preparedness. The presentation will refer to some of these aspects and their implementation by the national earthquake preparedness committee.

As an interesting case, the unusual seismic activity in south Lebanon and its implications in the context of earthquake preparedness will be discussed.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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