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### DDMA West Jaintia Hills Conduct District Mock Earthquake Exercise

**Jowai, 8th July, 2026:** As part of the ongoing efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness and enhance emergency response mechanism, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), West Jaintia Hills conducted a district level Mock Exercise on an Earthquake Scenario held on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, 2026.



The exercise was aimed at assessing the preparedness of various departments and emergency response agencies, strengthening interdepartmental coordination and enhancing the capacity to respond effectively during an earthquake or other disaster situations.



The mock exercise was conducted at St. Paul Secondary School, Mookaswan, Office of the Divisional Soil & Water Conservation officer, Jowai, WK Woodland Hospital, Sabahmuswang, and at Kiang Nangbah Government College Playground, Jowai.



The exercise included evacuation of occupants, search and rescue of trapped victims, administration of first aid, casualty management and transportation of the injured to designated medical facilities.



At WK Woodland Hospital, the exercise focused on the hospital's emergency response, including casualty management, triage, treatment of the injured, evacuation of patients and coordination among medical personnel.



In preparation for the exercise, a training was conducted on 6th July,2026 for officials and volunteers. The training included sessions on fire safety measures and use of extinguishers, improvised method of search & rescue, role of Police in disaster management, First Aid, search & rescue techniques, and disaster communication.



The training was imparted by resource persons from the office of the Fire Service & Emergency, the Office of the Superintendent of Police, the Office of the District Medical & Health Officer, the Civil Defence and the Office of the MPRO, Jowai.