

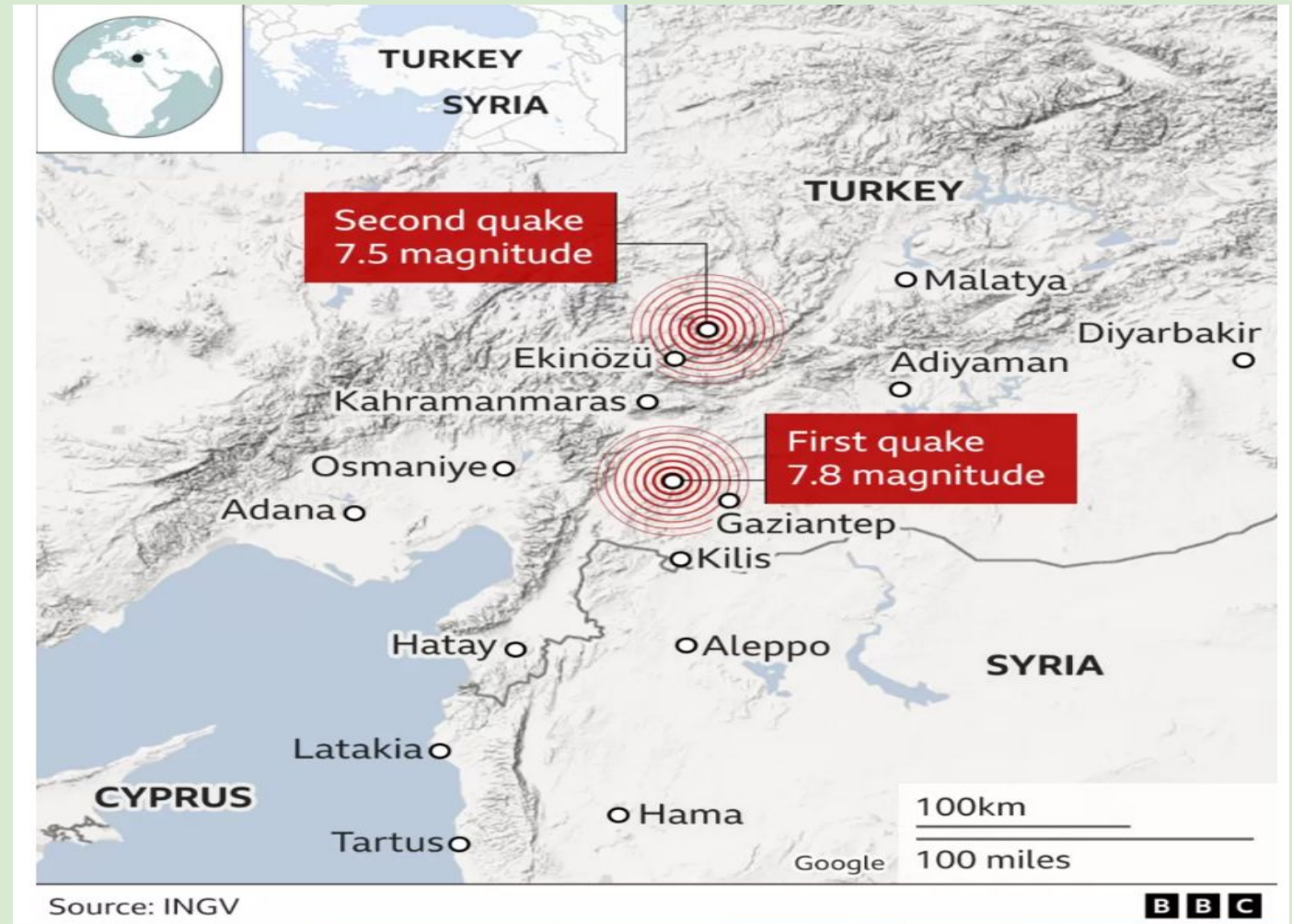
The earthquake in Turkey & Syria

February 2023

Earthquake in Turkey and Syria - what has happened?

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One of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded in Turkey occurred on Monday, killing over 8000 people and devastating densely populated regions of southern Turkey and northern Syria.



Earthquake in Turkey and Syria - the rescue effort?

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Thousands of rescue workers are digging through debris in freezing conditions in a desperate search for survivors. The rescue effort is further complicated by the location of the earthquake, as Syria is already burdened by civil war and refugee crisis.



Earthquake in Turkey and Syria - why is this earthquake so devastating?

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Over 8000 people have died and the number is rising as more bodies are found and more people are reported missing.

- Thousands of buildings have collapsed.
- People are trapped under the rubble.
- People have lost their homes and are now homeless in freezing conditions.
- People living in Syria are also suffering the effects of civil war and there will be no hope of their homes being rebuilt.
- Many children have been orphaned as their parents have died in the earthquake.

Earthquakes of this magnitude are very rare in this region and happen approximately once a century. The last significant earthquake of this region was in 1939.



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Earthquake in Turkey and Syria - what are Highlands School doing to help?

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- Tomorrow, Friday 10th February, we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise money to support people suffering from the earthquake.
- We will donate the money we raise to the three main charities fundraising at the moment.
- The money will be used for essential items such as food, blankets, clothing and temporary accommodation.



Earthquake in Turkey and Syria - how will the non-uniform day work?

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- All students who attend school in their own clothes should must donate £1 (give more if you can).
- This will be collected in the morning by your form tutors in tutor time.

Clothing rules

- No shorts or very short skirts.
- Tops must cover the belly button and midriff.
- Hoods, hats and coats cannot be worn in the building.
- No football kits or football shirts.
- No clothing with offensive words.

Students who attend school in inappropriate clothing will have to change into spare school uniform and will receive a detention.



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We are proud at Highlands to have so many members of the Turkish community as part of our school and some families have been affected by the earthquake.

Our thoughts are with these families and with all the people of Turkey and Syria at this time and we will do all we can to support you.



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