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(ペルシャ語) http://www.iiees.ac.ir/fa/

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Hi Dr. Kanno,

Finally I translated the IIEES report. Please find attached file. Certainly, because of time limitation there are several grammatical errors. Sorry in advance. I hope this helps.

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# Preliminary report of the earthquake on November 12, 2017, Sarpolzahab, Kermanshah province (Second edition)

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# **1- Introduction of the event**

At 21:48 (local time) on Aban 21, 1396 Shamsi Hijri (SH) according to 18:18 (UTC) on November 12, 2017, an earthquake of Mb 7.3 occurred in 5 km from Ezgeleh and 43 km north of Sarpolzahab, Kermanshah Province, on the Iran and Iraq border (Figure 1). The epicenter of this event, based on the seismographs recorded at the Seismography Network National Center of the Institute broadband, is located at 34.88° north latitude and 45.84° east longitude. Since the most devastations of the earthquake are related to Sarpolzahab, the report has been changed from Ezgeleh to Sarpolzahab.



Figure 1. Location of the epicenter Sarpolzahab Earthquake on November 12, 2017, (red star), according to locating of the Seismography Network National Center of Institute broadband. Also, the foreshocks (blue circles) and aftershocks of the earthquake (green circles) are shown in the figure until 12:00 o'clock on 11/14/2017 (foreshocks and aftershocks adopted from the Seismological Center of Geophysics Institute, Tehran University)

According to the National Center, Institute of Geophysics at Tehran University, the earthquake has three foreshocks with a magnitude of 1.9-4.5 and 218 aftershocks with magnitude of 1.8-4.7 (until 11/14/2017, 12:00 o'clock, Figure 1). The focus of this earthquake is located 16 km from the high Zagros fault and 25 km from the Zagros Mountain Front fault (Figure 2). According to the prepared map, an earthquake focus of Mw 7.3, on November 12, 2017, is located about 47 km north of Qasr-e Shirin and 43 km north of Sarpolzahab. Distribution of the instrumental earthquakes in the range of the mentioned earthquake indicates a low seismic activity background. Unless the observed earthquakes about 25 km south of Qasr-e Shirin, which is associated with the occurrence of earthquakes of Qasr-e Shirin city in December 2013, there is practically no significant seismic activity in the region.



Figure 2. Map of the region's faults on which the recent earthquake epicenter, corresponding with the locating of the Seismology Network National Center of Institute broadband and previous earthquakes are shown.

According to the active faults map of the country (Hesami et al., 2012), the recent earthquake in the vicinity of Ezgeleh city can be related to the motion of the Mountain Front Fault (MFF). The occurrence of an M=7.3 earthquake in this part of Zagros is almost a rare event. The probability of occurrence of M>7 earthquakes in Zagros, except in parallel with the present fault of Zagros (MRF), was considered very low according to the consensus of earth sciences researchers. Different centers of seismology have determined the mechanism of this fault as a low slope thrust with a small right lateral strike-slip component (Figure 3).

This earthquake lasted about 30 seconds. It was felt in most provinces of the country, especially the western and central regions, to the high buildings of Tehran. It was also felt in some neighboring countries. The cities of Sarpolzahab, Qasr-e Shirin, Javanrud, Salas-e Babajani and Gilan-e Gharb were involved in the earthquake and the most damages observed in these regions. According to official news agency IRNA, the earthquake killed 430 people and injured 7460 people (until November 14, 2017, 12:00 O'clock).



Figure 3. The focal mechanism of the Sarpolzahab earthquake on November 14, 2017 (adopted from *www.emsc-csem.org*)

## 2- Seismicity background of the region

Over the past 117 years, approximately 358 earthquakes have been recorded in the range of about 1 degree in 1 degree around the earthquake center (Figure 4), of which 21 earthquakes have a magnitude of greater than or equal to 5 (M $\geq$ 5). This represents a relatively moderate seismicity of the region.



Figure 4. Seismicity of the recent 117 years of the earthquake focus (earthquake information taken from the Institute website)

## **3-** General geology of Kermanshah province

According to different point of views, Iran can be divided into several main structuralsedimentary zones. Kermanshah is one of the western provinces in Iran having border with Iraq. The oil signs in the southern part of the province have caused the geology of the province being attractive to oil explorers.

From geomorphology point of view, the two northeast and southwest parts of the province do not have the same morphology. The northern heights have a rough face and their morphology is mainly resulted from the abundant thrust faults in the area while in other areas caused by the tectonic motion of folding type. Therefore, its morphology is as anticlines and synclines parallel with the northwest trend.

Geological data show that the most part of Kermanshah province is located in the Zagros sedimentary-structural basin, therefore, its northeastern corner has the geological features of the Sanandaj-Sirjan Zone. Thus, the province can be divided into two distinct sub-zones, which the boundary between them is characterized by the young and seismic Morvarid and Sahneh faults in (National Geosciences Database of Ian).

## 4- Historical earthquakes

## • Hulvan earthquake on Farvardin 12 – Ordibehesht 10, 337 SH (April 958 AD)

In 347 AH, the earthquake Hulvan devastated the present Sarpolzahab, and killed many people in mountains. This earthquake, which was felt in Baghdad and its aftershocks continued throughout the first months of the year, affected the underground water resources in Zagros. The magnitude of the major earthquake was estimated by 6.4 on the surface-wave (Ms) scale (Ambraseys and Melville, 1982).

## • Hulvan earthquake on Farvardin 12, 529 SH (April 1, 1150 AD)

A destructive earthquake was occurred in the Hulvan (Sarpolzahab) causing deformations of the earth in the mountains. Robat Behroozi was destroyed and a large number of Turkmen nomads were killed. The earthquake was severely felt in Baghdad, and the earth became as waves while shocking for several times, causing crack on some walls. The magnitude of this earthquake was estimated by 5.9 on the surface wave (Ms) scale (Ambraseys and Melville, 1982).



Figure 5. Distribution of historical earthquakes in Kermanshah province and its adjacent regions. Symbols including star: province center, black squares: cities and polygons: historical earthquakes.

# 5- Faults of the area

# • High Zagros Fault (HZF)

This fault, with a length of 1375 km (Berberian, 1995) and a trend from northwest to south east, with a slope towards northeast, considered as a thrust type. This fault extends along the Zagros belt (Figure 2). Based on the present position of the Paleozoic rocks along this fault, its vertical displacement is estimated to be over 6 km (Berberian, 1981). Berberian (1994) attributed the following earthquakes to the high Zagros fault:

- The estimated  $M_S$ =6.4 and  $I_{MM}$ =VII Sharizur earthquake on Aban 27, 605 SH (Nov. 18, 1226 AD);

- The estimated  $M_W$ =5.3 and  $I_{MM}$ =VII Sharizur earthquake of 689 SH (1310 AD);

- The Ms=5.5 and I<sub>MM</sub>=VII Marvdasht earthquake of 1002 SH (1623 AD);

- The estimated M<sub>W</sub>=5.9 and I<sub>MM</sub>=VII Daryan earthquake on Khordad 1244 SH (June 1865 AD);

- The  $M_W$ =5.8 and  $I_{MM}$ =VII Kharameh earthquake on Esfand 7, 1362 SH (February 26, 1984 AD);

- The M<sub>S</sub>=5.7 Forg (Hormuzgan) earthquake on Aban 15, 1369 (November 6, 1990 AD);

High Zagros Fault (HZF) separates the Zagros Thrust Belt in the northeast from the Simply Folded Belt in the Southwest (Berberian, 1995). It is imagined that the lack of earthquakes in the high Zagros and the concentration of epicenters in the Zagros simply folded zone indicates that active deformation and seismicity have been transferred to the south from the high Zagros to the simply folded zone (Walker, 2006) (Sheikholeslami et al., 2013).

# • Zagros Mountain Front Fault (ZMFF)

The Mountain Front Fault of the Zagros is composed of various fault segments of varying lengths from 15 to 115 km, with a total length of about 1,350 kilometers (in Iran) (Berberian, 1995). The general trend of this fault is NW-SE with a slope toward the northeast (Figure. 2). The mechanism of this fault is of (compressional) thrusting (Berberian, 1995). Geological evidence suggests that the vertical movement along this fault has been about 6 km (Berberian, 1995) so that the Cretaceous limestones have risen by about 6 km on the fault hanging wall, while the basement has been displaced less than 1.5 km (Oveisi et al., 2009).

The Zagros mountain front fault joins the high Zagros fault in the Khorgoo region. In fact, the high Zagros fault in this area is separated from the mountain front fault and extended along with the inverse Zagros fault. This fault, like the Zagros front fault, has been displaced right laterally by140-150 km due to the Kazerun Fault motion. The mountain front fault is parallel to the Zagros folded fault and high Zagros fault and are adjoined (together with them) to the lowest part of the crust and into the plastic shear zone (Berberian, 1995). The strike-slip and over-thrusting movement along the mountain front fault (MFF) is the main cause of the incision and change in the sinuosity of rivers such as Karoon, which have cut many bedrock sequences and folds. Deep fault fissure segments are together with asymmetric folds at the ground surface and given that the en echelon morphology and the absence of topographic and morphological features on the surface, the separated geometry of these fragments is resulted in depth (Berberian, 1995).

Segments of the mountain front fault are associated with a set of fault propagation folds such as Giskan anticline (Oeisi et al., 2009).

This fault has determined the southwestern boundary of the Zagros simply folded zone and the northeast boundary of the Zagros fore-deep basin. In other words, it forms the separation boundary of these two sedimentary zones form each other. The Zagros fore-deep basin is actually formed due to the mountain front fault (MFF) movement and over-thrusting of the Zagros simply folded zone. The Dezful embayment, which also considered as a separate zone, is bounded by the Dezful embayment faults (Lahbari) from the north, the Kazerun and Borazjan fault zones from the east and southeast, the mountain front fault from the northwest and the Zagros folded fault from the southwest (Berberian, 1995).

For example, the epicenter of the estimated  $M_S=6.8$  earthquake of 431SH (1052 AD), the estimated  $M_S=5.8$  earthquake of 464 SH (1058.05 AD), the estimated  $M_S=5.8$  earthquake on Mehr 24, 1262 SH (October 16, 1883 AD), the  $M_B=6.3$  earthquake on Tir 24, 1308 SH (July 15, 1929 AD), the  $M_B=5.8$  earthquake on Dey 29, 1328 SH (January 19, 1950 AD), the  $M_S=6.2$  earthquake on Azar 23, 1357 SH (December 14, 1978 AD), the  $M_B=5.5$  and  $I_{MM}=VII$  northern Bandar Abbas earthquake on Dey 15, 1355 SH (January 5, 1977 AD), the  $M_W=6.7$  Khorgoo, Bandar Abbas earthquake on Farvardin 2, 1356 SH (March 21, 1977 AD), the  $M_W=5.9$  earthquake on Farvardin 10, 1367 SH (March 30, 1988) and the the  $M_S=5.6$  earthquake on Aban 13, 1370 SH (November 4, 1991) can be attributed to the Zagros mountain front fault. The deep mechanism of these earthquakes mainly indicates a thrust with knotted plates parallel with geological structures and the mountain front fault (Berberian, 1995).

Berberian (1994) assigns the following earthquake events to the Zagros mountain front fault:

- The 11,000 years ago Seymareh earthquake, with the estimated  $M_W=7$  and  $I_{MM}=IX$  caused Seymareh super-earthquake event;

- The estimated  $M_W$ =6.7 and  $I_{MM}$ =VIII Darreh Shahr earthquake on Tir 2, 251 SH (22 June 872 AD),

- The estimated M<sub>W</sub>=6.3 and I<sub>MM</sub>=VIII Sarpolzahab earthquake in spring 337 SH (958.04 AD);

- The estimated  $M_W$ =5.3 and  $I_{MM}$ =VII Siraf earthquake on Khordad 27, 357 SH (June 17, 978 AD);

- The estimated M<sub>W</sub>=6.4 and I<sub>MM</sub>=VIII Siraf earthquake in spring 387 SH (1008 AD);

- The estimated M<sub>W</sub>=6.7 and I<sub>MM</sub>=VIII Arjan earthquake in 431 SH (1052 AD);

- The estimated M<sub>W</sub>=5.7 and I<sub>MM</sub>=VII Arjan earthquake in 464 SH (1058.05 AD);

- The estimated  $M_W$ =5.8 and  $I_{MM}$ =VII Hulvan earthquake on Farvardin 12, 529 SH (April 1, 1150 AD);

- The estimated  $M_W$ =6.5 and  $I_{MM}$ =VIII Arbil earthquake on Ordibehesht 8, 558 SH (April 29, 1179 AD);

- The estimated M<sub>W</sub>=6.8 and I<sub>MM</sub>=IX Sharizur earthquake in about 952 SH (1573 AD);

- The estimated M<sub>W</sub>=5.5 and I<sub>MM</sub>=VII Magham earthquake in 1244 SH (1865 AD);

- The estimated  $M_W$ =5.7 and  $I_{MM}$ =VIII Kangan earthquake on Mehr 24, 1262 SH (October 16, 1883 AD) (Sheikholeslami et al., 2013).

# 6- Images of earthquake damages on November 12, 2017, Sarpol Zahab, Kermanshah













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