

Basic Detail Report

Victim of the Belice earthquake, Rome

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

On the sign: 'signori, siamo 6 figli siciliani, sfollati del terremoto di gibellina mamma malata, babbo operato, aiutateci grazie'. ["Gentlemen, we are 6 Sicilian children displaced by the earthquake gibellina sick mother, father operated on, help thanks"] The 1968 Belice earthquake sequence took place in Sicily between 14 and 15 January. The largest shock measured 5.5 on the moment magnitude scale, with five others of magnitude 5+. The maximum perceived intensity was X (Intense) on the Mercalli intensity scale. The earthquake sequence, centred between the towns of Gibellina, Salaparuta and Poggioreale, killed at least 231 people, possibly more than 400, with between 632 and about 1000 injured and left 100,000 homeless. It is known in Italy as Terremoto del Belice.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 20.6 cm (11 7/8 x 8 1/8 in.)