

President of the Republic Giuseppe Saragat

talks to displaced residents in Salaparuta, Sicily after the Belice earthquake, 1968

Date

1968-1968

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

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. In the following days President of the Republic Giuseppe Saragat and the interior minister Paolo Emilio Taviani visited the area.

Dimensions

Overall: 21 x 30.3 cm (8 2/8 x 11 7/8 in.)