

## Underground A-Test Detected by Monitors

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covers explosions having force equivalent to 20,000 to 200,000 tons of TNT, while the intermediate range covers 200,000 to a million tons.

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The Uppsala scientists said the shock had a magnitude of 6.4 on the Richter scale used to measure the strength of earthquakes.