16 January 2014: World events

**INDONESIA** – Severe Weather
- Heavy rainfall caused landslides and flash floods in North Sulawesi; 13 killed, 40,000 displaced in four regencies.
- In Jakarta, also affected by heavy rainfall, four people killed, 3,000 in shelters. Moderate to heavy rainfall still expected on 16-17 January. (BNPB)

**BRAZIL** – Severe Weather
- At least 10 people killed by floods and landslides in the State of Sao Paulo. More than 300 people in Itaoca are sheltering in churches and schools. Itaoca declared a disaster zone. (ECHO)

**BOLIVIA** – Severe Weather
- Heavy rainfall since November 2013: 31 people killed, 12,159 families affected. Rainfall expected to continue over the next days. (ECHO)

**ECUADOR** – Severe Weather
- Heavy rains and landslides reported in Coastal and Sierra regions; three people killed, 37 injured. Serious material damage to homes and public infrastructure reported. (ECHO)

**CHILE** – Forest Fires
- The Chilean government has declared a “sanitary alert” in four regions due to smoke caused by forest fires. At least 70 fires have destroyed more than 40,000 hectares. Reported losses reach US$ 100 million. (ECHO)

**MOZAMBIQUE** – Severe Weather
- Heavy rainfall in the past week: Since October 2013, 10 killed by lightning, 3,000 houses destroyed by rains, 15,000 people affected. (Media, INAM)

**SOUTH ASIA – Polio**
- India officially “polio-free”.
- Pakistan and Afghanistan: disease remains endemic. In Pakistan, polio cases increased from 58 in 2012 to 85 last year; vaccination teams under siege from the Taliban who suspect their work is a front for spying. Since July 2012 more than 30 health workers administering the vaccines have been killed. (ECHO)

**INDIA** – Communal Violence
- Tensions over territorial disputes between the Karbi and Rengma Naga communities in Assam: displacement of over 30,000 people in the past two weeks. At least 15 people killed, villages and crops burned or looted.
- Seven camps established, IDPs receiving assistance from local government and NGOs. ECHO is following the situation to identify whether gaps are significant and further assistance is necessary. (ECHO)

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