4 August 2014: World events

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – Tropical Cyclone BERTHA**
- BERTHA passed between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic on 2 August, then moved over the Turks and Caicos islands as a tropical storm.
- Damage due to flooding and strong winds was recorded in the Eastern Region of Dominican Republic.
- In the next 48 h, it is forecast to move over water, away from land, intensifying.

**SWEDEN – Forest Fire**
- On 3 August, Sweden requested assistance via the Union Civil Protection Mechanism due to a major forest fire in Sala and Surahammar municipalities (Västmanlands län).
- Burnt area: 1 438 ha (EFFIS, 4 August).
- To support the ongoing fire-fighting operations, Italy has offered two amphibious planes.

**ITALY – Severe weather**
- Heavy rainfall triggered the overflowing of a river in the province of Treviso, killing four people and injuring eight others in the municipality of Refrontolo.

**BULGARIA – Floods**
- Floods continue affecting the area of Miziya. As of 4 August: more than 800 people evacuated and one victim confirmed. Rescue and mitigation activities in the area are ongoing. The water level is decreasing.

**UKRAINE – Conflict**
- The situation in Eastern Ukraine remains critical.
- As of 29 July 2014 (OCHA, UNHCR), the number of IDPs is estimated to be 111 616. The number of people who fled to Russia is estimated over 141 000.
- ECHO will issue an emergency decision of Euro 2.5 million to meet the needs of vulnerable population affected by the conflict.

**GAZA STRIP – Conflict**
- The Israeli missile that struck yesterday adjacent to the main gate of the UNRWA Boys' Prep School 'A' in the town of Rafah, killed nine people, including an UNRWA guard, and injured 27.
- The death toll in Gaza has reached 1 803 (as of 3 August). The total number of displaced is estimated at 475 000. On the Israeli side, 64 soldiers and three civilians have died.

**LEBANON – Humanitarian situation**
- On 2 August, serious clashes between Lebanese armed forces and the Jabhat al-Nusra armed group erupted in the town of Arsal (northern Bekaa).
- Most Syrian refugees living in informal settlements took refuge in private houses or some of the collective shelters in the area. 42 000 Syrian refugees registered in Arsal, 5 000 are awaiting registration (UNHCR).
- Access is restricted and humanitarian organizations have limited movements in north Bekaa.

**IRAQ – Population Displacement**
- Heavy fighting between Kurdish forces and ISIL militants in Sinjar (Nineveh), has triggered a new wave of population displacement at the weekend.
- Humanitarian organizations estimate that up to 200 000 people could be displaced and directly affected.

**CHINA – Earthquake**
- On 3 August at 8,30 UTC an earthquake of magnitude 6.1M (depth: 10 km) hit Ludian County (Yunnan province).
- As of 4 August: 398 deaths (319 in Ludian County) and 1 801 people injured.

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- Severe weather / Floods
- Tropical Cyclones
- Forest Fires
- Earthquake

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**Tropical Cyclone Intensity**
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- Tropical Storm
- Hurricane / Typhoon

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