03 July 2013: ECHO Flash World Events

European Commission

USA – Fires
- **ARIZONA** State: the wildfire in Yarnell Hill, started on 28 June, is still ongoing, it is 8% contained and it has burnt over 3,300 ha (as of 03 July). It destroyed 50 buildings and threatened hundreds more. On 30 June the fire killed 19 firefighters.

Sources: USDA Forest Service, Reuters, BBC

Lao PDR – Dengue
- Accumulated cases of dengue fever reached to more than 14,000 with more than 50 reported deaths, which results in a case-fatality rate of 0.4 %.
- Verification capacity is limited and true figures could be substantially higher

Source: ECHO

CHINA– Tropical Cyclone RUMBIA
- As of 03 June, RUMBIA has caused heavy rains in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Guangdong and Hainan.
- In Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, over 1,600 people had been evacuated, hundreds of houses collapsed or were damaged and over 2,000ha of farmland was affected; worst hit area is Yulin prefecture (local media).

Sources: GDACS, Media, Chinese Gov., WMO

ARGENTINA - Floods
- The overflown river Paraná, which has been causing flood damage in Paraguay since June, is now affecting **Argentina**. As of 02 July, ca. 3,000 people evacuated in the provinces of **Chaco** and **Corrientes**, preventive measures are being taken in Santa Fe and Entre Rios

Sources: Local Media (1,2)

ARGENTINA – Earthquake
- **Jujuy** Province: 5.7M earthquake (very large depth 193 km) on 02 July 20:04 UTC. Epicentre ca. 45km N of San Antonio de los Cobres. As of 03 July, no damages reported.

Sources: GDACS, USGS

INDONESIA – Earthquake
- **ACEH Province** (NW Sumatra island): 6.1M earthquake (depth 10 km) on 02 July 07:37 UTC. Epicenter located 55 km S of Bireun. USGS PAGER, shaking up to "Very Strong" for ca. 26,000 people ("Moderate" shaking for Bireun). Districts most affected are Bener Meriah and Central Aceh.
- Two aftershocks of 5.2M and 5.3M were also recorded in the same area on 02 July.
- Latest figures (as of 03 July, BNPB), show 24 dead and ca. 250 people injured with following details (assessment still ongoing):
  - **Bener Meriah**: 14 dead, 2 people missing, 109 injured, 75 buildings damaged; landslides damaged roads.
  - **Central Aceh** (*Aceh Tengah*): 10 dead, 140 injured, 300 buildings damaged; a few roads closed due to landslides.
- Most affected areas are in Silih Nara, Blang Mancung, Kute Panang, Ketol and Arul Kumer (ECHO). Evacuees are placed in 10 locations; no confirmation on number of evacuees (ECHO).
- As of 03 July, OCHA reported 3,070 persons evacuated in Bener Meriah district and 300 persons displaced in Ache Tengah.

Sourcse: ECHO, GDACS, USGS, BNPB, BBC, OCHA

NEW CALEDONIA (FR) – Severe weather
- Heavy rainfall is affecting parts of New Caledonia. On 03 July early morning (UTC), a red alert for heavy rains and thunderstorms was in effect for Canala, Thio and Yaté, then was lifted (as of 03 July afternoon). As of 03 July early morning (UTC), ca. 400 people were moved to safer locations, no victims are reported.

Sources: COGIC, Meteo-France Nouvelle Caledonie, WMO, Media

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