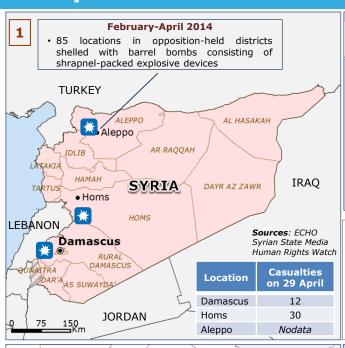
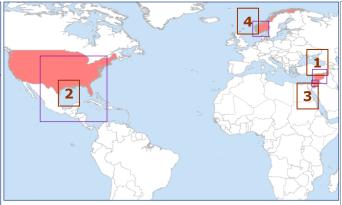
30 April 2014: World - ECHO Flash Events









1. SYRIA - CONFLICT / CIVILIAN PROTECTION

- Mortar attacks in Shaghour, central Damascus, on 29 April: a school complex was hit.
- Explosions in the city of Homs on 29 April; air bombardments and heavy fighting in Aleppo.
- International human rights organizations called for a halt in the use of weapons indiscriminately targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure, such as barrel bombs.



2. U.S.A. - SEVERE WEATHER

- Severe weather, including tornadoes, strong winds and large hail, continued affecting south and eastern USA on 29 April.
- Floods in north-western Florida, due to the weather conditions.
- 'Slight Risk' of severe thunderstorms over parts of south-eastern and eastern USA for 30 April.



3. JORDAN - NEW REFUGEE CAMP

- Azraq camp, with capacity to accommodate 30 000, is officially opened on 30 April; it can be expanded to host up to 130 000.
- Azraq will take pressure off the densely populated Za'atari camp. The first transfers started on 28 April.
- Most refugees now arriving in Jordan will be hosted in Azraq.



4. NORWAY - FOREST FIRES

- · During the last seven days, a number of fires have burnt a total of 986ha in the county of Rogaland, Norway.
- Media report all fires to be under control.

