

## 1 USA – Severe Weather

- Severe weather (tornadoes, strong winds and large hail) affected the **central** and **south-eastern States** of USA in the last few days, causing deaths and extensive damage.
- As of 29 April early morning, FEMA reported **14 dead** in **Arkansans**, **nine** in **Mississippi**, **two** in **Tennessee**, **two** in **Alabama**, **two** in **Oklahoma** and **one** in **Iowa**. Electricity network was also damaged in Mississippi, Alabama and Kentucky, leaving thousands of households without power.
- As of 29 April morning (NOAA), there is still **'Moderate Risk'** of **severe thunderstorms** over parts of **Alabama** and eastern **Mississippi** for 29 April.

Sources: FEMA, NOAA (1, 2), Media (1, 2, 3)

## 2 Middle East, Europe - Middle East Respiratory Syndrome - MERS

- MERS-CoV (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome CoronaVirus) is a virus that is new to humans; it is associated with respiratory illness and high death rates.
- As of 23 April, **345** laboratory-confirmed **cases** of MERS-CoV in **14 countries** have been reported to public health authorities worldwide, including **107 deaths** (81 of them in **Saudi Arabia**). (See in map no. 2 the countries with MERS-CoV cases reported).
- Ten cases (of the 345 cases of MERS-CoV) have been reported in EU MS (UK, FR, DE, IT and GR).
- There has been an increase in the number of cases reported from Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (UAE), since March. The reason is not yet known; public health investigations are ongoing.

Sources: ECHO, ECDC

## 3 CHINA – Severe Weather

- Heavy rains, hail, floods and landslides affected south-eastern China, over 26-27 April. As of 28 April (Chinese Government), there were **three deaths** in **Guangxi** Zhuang Autonomous Region, **2 800 houses damaged** in **Jiangxi** and more than **400 people evacuated** in **Hunan** province.

Sources: [Chinese Government](#)

