

SEVERE WEATHER - FLOODS

Serbia / Croatia – Reported floods

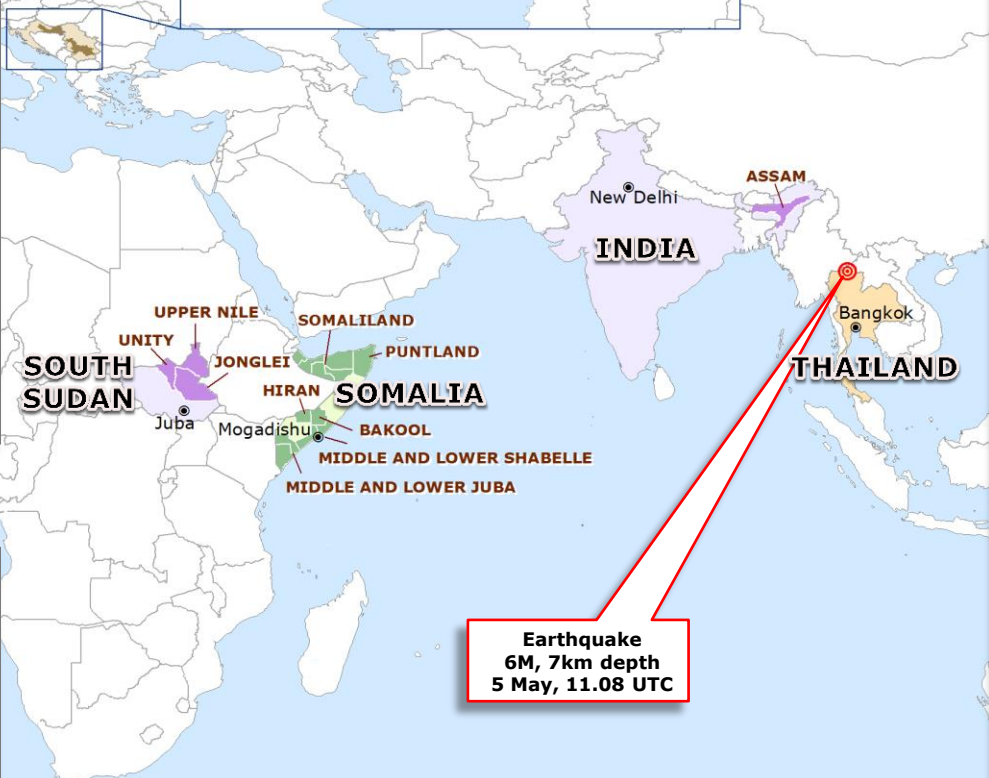
- As of 6 May, the national services report ongoing high discharges (alert level 2) on Sava river and its tributaries in Croatia and on Mlava river in Serbia.
- As of the same day, the Civil Protection units of the two countries report several districts affected by heavy rainfall and floods. (*EFAS, DUZS, Serbian CP*)



CONFLICT

South Sudan – Conflict

- Fighting between government and opposition forces continue in the States of Unity, Upper Nile and Jonglei. More than 1.2 million people have been displaced since fighting erupted in mid-December 2013 (959 000 within South Sudan, 293 200 in neighbouring countries). 80 000 people have sought safety in the protection of civilians (PoC) sites in UN bases, including 600 families from the Nuer ethnic group in an UNMISS base in Wau. Maban County (Upper Nile) hosts more than 127 000 refugees from Sudan.
- Risks for the PoCs intensify with tensions running high in the over-congested sites, which are also at risk of flooding. Two employees of the International Rescue Committee were killed at the end of April in PoC in Bor (Jonglei), and staff from ACTED, IOM and WFP were assaulted in the PoC in Tomping (Juba).
- Child soldiers: UNICEF reports that more than 9 000 children have been recruited into armed forces by both sides.
- Humanitarians continue to face difficulties in reaching people. The World Food Programme carries out food aid airdrops from Gambella (Ethiopia) into Maban county and Jonglei with a total of around 1 000 metric tons airdropped.
- Numbers of severe food insecurity and acute malnutrition are increasing – WFP estimates that up to seven million people in South Sudan could be in need of food assistance by the end of 2014. (*ECHO*)



**Earthquake
6M, 7km depth
5 May, 11.08 UTC**

India – Inter-communal violence

- Inter-communal violence erupted in the Bodo Territorial Autonomous District (BTAD), north-western Assam state, with over 32 deaths recorded, resulting from several incidents of shooting by Bodo armed insurgents targeting Bengali Muslim communities over the 2-4 May period. Curfew has been imposed and extra police forces and army have been deployed.
- ECHO Partners are monitoring the situation and will assess the humanitarian situation as soon as possible in two displacement camps which have reportedly been set up in the neighbouring Dhubri district. (*ECHO*)

FOOD SECURITY

Somalia – Food and nutrition security

- The Gu rainy season started poorly or with a lack of rainfall in most of Somalia. Dry conditions are projected for the following weeks; crop planting and vegetation growth prospects are below-average.
- FEWSNET indicates a significant disruption in the agricultural production of the Shabelle, due to the ongoing military offensive. Lack of access to basic commodities caused a 50-233% rise in prices on certain markets.
- The UN Somalia Consolidated Appeal (CAP) has gathered \$120 million out of \$933 million requested. Lack of funding could reverse the already scant improvements made to stabilize the food security situation in the country, which is still counting 2.9 million food insecure people, of which 857 000 urgently need assistance. (*ECHO*)

EARTHQUAKE

Thailand – Earthquake

- On 5 May, an earthquake of 6M magnitude hit northern Thailand. USGS-PAGER indicates “Severe” shaking for up to 22 000 people. The earthquake was felt in several provinces of northern Thailand, as well as parts of eastern Myanmar.
- As of 6 May, media report one person killed and 23 injured, as well as some damage to buildings and roads in the city of Chiang Rai, while several northern districts have been declared “disaster zones”. (*GDACS, USGS, Local Media*)