

1 SYRIA – Conflict and protection of civilians

- On 30 April the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos stated that violence in Syria has intensified in the past month, directly impacting on civilians, with women, men and children being killed and wounded in both opposition- and Government-held areas. Amos stated that there has been little progress in humanitarian access since her report last March.
- Local sources reported that 25 children were killed on 30 April after barrel bombs hit the Ein Jalout elementary school in an opposition-held neighbourhood of Aleppo. The Aleppo bombing came a day after mortar shells hit the Badr Al Din Al Hussein technical institute in the Damascus suburb of Al-Shaghour, killing 14 children and wounding 80 more according to Government sources. A separate mortar attack in the A'dra area of Rural Damascus reportedly killed three children at a shelter for internally displaced families.
- Twin car bombs exploded in a busy part of the city of Homs, reportedly causing the deaths of at least 100 people including many women and children and injuring more than 100. The Jabhat al-Nusra armed opposition group claimed responsibility for the attacks in Homs. (ECHO)

2 INDIA – Severe Weather

- Heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds, affected eastern India over 30 April - 1 May. [Local media](#) report hundreds of houses to have been damaged in the State of Tripura, while electricity and water supply have also been affected. Worst hit was reportedly the district of Dhalai. The [Indian Meteorological Department](#) forecasts isolated rainfall and strong winds to continue affecting eastern India over 2-3 May.

3 MEXICO – Landslide

- Heavy rainfall in the state of Puebla caused a landslide in the community of Huehuetlán el Grande that killed seven people on 30 April, according to [local](#) and [international](#) media reports.

