26 April 2013: Afghanistan - Earthquake and Floods





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SITUATION

EARTHQUAKE

- On 24 Apr at 09:25 UTC, an earthquake of magnitude 5.6M at a depth of 62.1 km hit Laghman province, near Nangarhar province (E Afghanistan). The epicenter was located ca. 95km E of the country capital Kabul and ca. 25km NW of the city of Jalalabad. Pop. inside a radius of 20 km is 470,000 (GDACS). **USGS-PAGER** indicates shaking up to "Moderate" for ca. 634,000 people ("Moderate" shaking for Jalalabad, pop. 200,000).
- According to AFP (as of 25 Apr), there were 18 dead (17 in Nangarhar province, 1 in Kunar), 130 injured (126 in Nangarhar and 4 in Kunar) and 345 damaged homes (300 in Nangarhar, 45 in Kunar). The districts reported to be affected by the earthquake (as of 25 Apr, OCHA) are shown in striped orange in the map.

FLOODS

- Heavy rains have affected parts of Afghanistan, causing flash floods in the province of Balkh, northern Afghanistan. The districts reported affected by floods (as of 24 Apr, preliminary findings, OCHA) are shown in striped blue in the map.
- According to media (as of 25 Apr, <u>AFP</u>, <u>Afghan News</u>), there were 20 dead and nearly 1,800 houses damaged.

Forecast: In the next 48h moderate to heavy rains might still affect parts of central and eastern Afghanistan (NOAA 1,2)