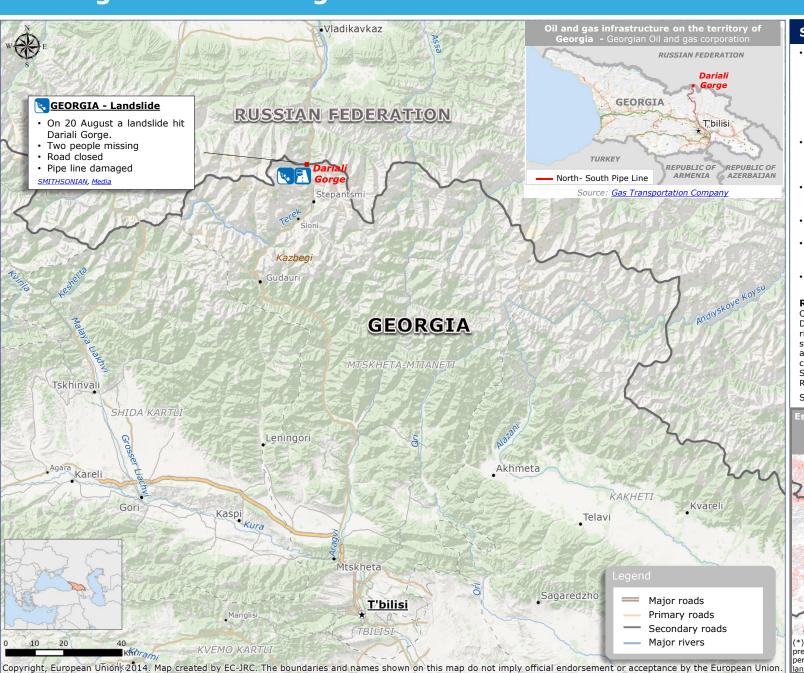
22 August 2014: Georgia - Landslide





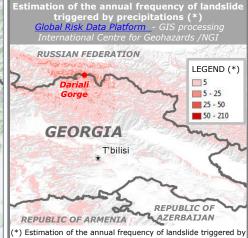
SITUATION

- On 20 August a landslide, triggered by heavy rains, hit Dariali Gorge (Northern Georgia). The landslide blocked the road linking Georgia with the Russian Federation and damaged a gas pipeline (North-South Pipeline) running from the Russia Federation to the Republic of Armenia via Georgia (see red line in the inset map).
- According to media the gas pipeline to the Republic of Armenia will be operational in two days, while at least two weeks will be needed to reopen the road blocked.
- Two people are missing and the Kazbegi -Larsi border crossing to the Russian Federation has been flooded.
- The landslide struck the same area which was hit on 17 May 2014.
- According to the government of Georgia the damage is significantly larger than it was in previous landslide on 17 May.
- In the next 24 h heavy rains may still affect this area.

Recent landslides in Georgia:

On 17 May a rock/ice/snow mass collapsed in the Dariali Gorge. The collapsed material blocked the river Tergi and created a temporary dam flooding the surrounding area. At least five people were killed and about 200 people were evacuated. The landslide caused damage to the infrastructure. The North-South Pipeline was affected, suspending transit of Russian gas to the Republic of Armenia via Georgia.

Sources: ECHO, MRDI, Meteo GE, Media



(*) Estimation of the annual frequency of landslide triggered by precipitations. Unit is expected annual probability and percentage of pixel of occurrence of a potentially destructive landslide event x 1 000 000