24 October 2014: World events





Europe – Severe weather

- In the last few days severe weather (strong winds, rain, storm surge and snow) affected parts of Europe, causing damage, traffic disruption, power outages. Especially affected were parts of Ireland, United Kingdom, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Denmark. Three people were killed (one the UK, two in France).
- On 22-23 October the recent severe weather affected also a number of countries in central and eastern Europe.
- In Czech Republic, media reported flooded areas in the southwestern part of the country.
- In Slovenia, heavy rains caused floods in the central parts of the country, damaging several buildings in the area of Ljubljana.
- In Croatia, winds, rains and thunderstorms caused power outages and traffic disruption.
- Winds, rains and snow caused power outages also in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as in Serbia.

Sources: JRC, ECMWF, EUMETNET-MeteoAlarm, Media

Lebanon – Entry restrictions for Syrian refugees

- As at 22 October, UNHCR reported 1 123 398 registered Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and approximately 10 400 persons waiting for registration.
- On Thursday 23 October, Lebanese authorities announced that the entry of Syrian citizens into the country will be limited to humanitarian cases.

Sources: UN, Media

Turkey - Protection Regulation for Syrian refugees

- The number of registered Syrian refugees in Turkey was 896 702, as of 2 October.
- The Government of Turkey published Thursday 23 October, the official Temporary Protection Regulation for Syrian refugees residing in

Sources: Government of Turkey, UNHCR

🔼 Iraq – Humanitarian strategy plan

- Since January 2014, 1.5 million people in communities hosting many of the displaced, and 1.7 million living in conflict areas outside Government control.
- The 2014-2015 Strategic Response Plan (SRP). Main SRP activities are the protection of civilians and the provision of life-saving assistance to those most in need. The SRP also focuses on actions to ensure availability of basic services for all Iragis, the reinforcement of monitoring and distribution systems targeting the most vulnerable, building contingency stocks and preparedness capacities to assist potential future displacement of population.
- The SRP has a total budget USD 2.2 billion; of which USD 608 million has been received during 2014. Remaining USD 1.6 billion is required for activities over the next 15 months.

Sources: UN, NGOs