# 24 January 2014: World Events





#### SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC - Conflict

- · Fierce fighting between armed opposition groups continues unabated in northern Syria. Clashes/suicide attacks (close to Turkish border) prompted daily closures and openings of crossing points by Turkish authorities. Movements of Syrians across the border into Turkey and internal displacement reported, especially in Ar-Ragga and Hassakeh governorates (no exact figures available). Aleppo governorate: government forces have continued advancing, taking over some locations that had been formerly under rebel control.
- UNRWA has reiterated its call for full humanitarian access to the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk (26 food parcels were allowed into the camp on Tuesday). A few hundred food parcels have been delivered since 18 January. Access negotiations to Yarmouk remain extremely slow, while relief deliveries remain insufficient and in an ad-hoc manner. (ECHO)

### 🧱 IRAQ – Unrest

- · Security situation is of increasing concern. UN agencies warn about the mounting numbers of civilian deaths in various parts of the country, resulting from continuous acts of violence and waves of internal displacement, due to fighting in Al-Anbar. Violence in Mosul, Kirkuk, Tikrit and Baquba has resulted in numerous casualties in the past days. Iraqi security forces have intensified the military campaign to dislodge groups linked to the Islamic State of Irag and the Levant/Al-Qaeda from towns in Al-Anbar governorate.
- UN agencies report: more than 22 000 families internally displaced since late December (consequence of fighting in Al-Anbar). IDP families reached the Kurdish governorate of Erbil and other Iraqi cities (including Baghdad and Kerbala). UN agencies, NGOs, Red Cross/Red Crescent: delivered some relief aid to Ramadi and Fallujah in the past week. Actual scope of current humanitarian needs in Al-Anbar is difficult to ascertain (lack of access to affected locations). (ECHO)

Atlantic Ocean

Benishangul **ETHIOPIA** C.A.R.

Bangui

UGANDA Kampala

Hassakeh

SYRIA IRAQ

Ar-Ragga

Indian Ocean



#### **ETHIOPIA - Refugees**

 Number of South-Sudanese refugees arriving in Ethiopia continues to rise rapidly (total: 25 234). Most of the new arrivals have crossed into Ethiopia via entry points in Gambella, others via the Yabus corridor in Benishangul-Gumuz regional state. (ECHO)

#### Symbols

Conflict/Unrest



Refugees



Epidemics

#### **Countries / Provinces** affected by

Conflict / Unrest



# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - Conflict

· Despite the election of the new President of the transition in the Central African Republic, many exactions and lootings are still reported in Banqui but also in the country. Clashes occurred in Banqui between Muslims and anti balaka, killing at least 15 people in the last 24 hours. (ECHO)



## UGANDA – Epidemics

 Strong suspicions of a Measles Outbreak in one of the over-crowded transit centres for South Sudanese Refugees in Adjumani - Uganda, A vaccination campaign led by UNICEF is to start in the coming days. The campaign would require additional donor support. (ECHO)