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I. International



Australia - Bushfires update (DG ECHO, Government of Australia)


- The Australian authorities reported a firefighter killed in Victoria on 11 January, bringing the number of fatalities to 28. In total 10,226,988 million hectares have burnt and 2,630 houses been destroyed. Reports also mentioned town water supplies, several road closures and railway lines closed or disrupted for an extended period.
- Currently, the New South Wales’ (NSW) Health facilities are generally functioning well. NSW Health is distributing one million Commonwealth-provided masks to hospitals, health facilities recovery and evacuation centres in affected areas.
- Troughs and lows over parts of West Australia, Northern Territories, Queensland and north-eastern NSW will cause showers and storms. There are no significant fire weather expected next week. The fire danger ratings will be in the low-moderate to high range in the coming days.



Philippines - Taal volcano eruption (DG ECHO, media)

- On 12 January around 21:00 UTC, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology recorded increased volcanic activities generating an eruption plume one kilometre-high accompanied by volcanic tremor and felt earthquakes in Volcano Island and barangays of Agoncillo, in the province of Batangas
- The government has raised the alert status to Level 3 after the volcano spewed ash in a phreatic eruption.
- Residents from at least three municipalities of the province of Batangas are now evacuating. These are the towns of Talisay, Balate, and San Nicolas. The number of IDPs are still unknown.
- The Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) in Manila has put on hold all departing and arriving flights due to ash fall.


II. Europe



Floods and flood warnings during the last 24 hours reported by national services (European Flood Awareness System - EFAS)

- United Kingdom:** Warning level 2/3 for the Midlands and Scotland.

III. Factsheets



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