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#### I. International

#### Indonesia and Malaysia - Floods and landslides (BNBP, B MKG, MetMalaysia, WMO, Floodlist)

- Heavy rainfall has been affecting several parts of Sumatra and Java Islands (Indonesia), and southern Malaysia, since 28-29 January, causing floods and landslides.
- According to the Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management (BNBP), as of 31 January, the number of deaths has increased to 7 in Central Tapanuli Regency (North Sumatra Province) while 856 people have been displaced and more than 200 houses flooded in Bondowoso Regency (East Java Province).
- The Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) is conducting the emergency activities and provided two refugee tents, one public kitchen and one health service post in Bondowoso.
- In Malaysia, more than 200 people were temporarily evacuated across Kluang, Johor Baru, Pontian, and Kulai Districts (Johor State).
- Heavy rain with thunderstorms is forecast over most of Sumatra and Java Islands as well as over southern Malaysia on 1-2 February.

#### Yemen - Conflict (UNSC)

- On 30 January, the UN Security Council (UNSC) expressed serious concern about the recent escalation of violence in Sana'a and Al Jawf governorates which resulted in thousands of displaced civilians. UNSC members reminded all parties to respect the basic tenants of international humanitarian law, including the protection of civilians. They also called for an immediate end to the intimidation of humanitarian workers and safe and unhindered access for humanitarian personnel and supplies, in particular in the north of Yemen.

#### Philippines - Coronavirus (DG ECHO, Philippines Department of Health)

- The Department of Health confirmed the first case of novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the Philippines on 30 January. A 38-year old woman from Wuhan, China tested positive.
- 29 people are under observation with suspected 2019-nCoV symptoms in Metro Manila – 18; Central Visayas – 4; Western Visayas – 3; MIMAROPA -1; Eastern Visayas – 1; Northern Mindanao – 1; Davao – 1.
- Of these 29 cases, 23 were admitted in hospitals, 5 were discharged but remained under strict monitoring, while one died of pneumonia on Wednesday 29 January at a hospital in Manila but was still being tested for the 2019-nCoV virus.

#### Brazil - Floods and landslides update (Defesa Civil Minas Gerais, Defesa Civil Espirito Santo, CEMADEN, INMET)

- There have been widespread floods and landslides in Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo States since 24 January.
- National authorities report 64 deaths as of 31 January (55 in Minas Gerais and 9 in Espirito Santo) and more than 68,000 affected.
- On 31 January, an orange warning (high risk) for geohydrological risk was issued for Belo Horizonte Metropolitan Area.
- Heavy rain and thunderstorms are forecast in Minas Gerais over the next 24 hours. Weather conditions are forecast to improve across Espirito Santo.

#### Australia - Bush fires update (Australian Government, JRC GWIS, media)

- The bush fire crisis continues across eastern Australia in eastern New South Wales (NSW), including the Greater Sydney Region, eastern Victoria, South Australia, and Australian Capital Territory.
- According to the Crisis Coordination Centre of the Australian Government, as of 31 January, 33 people have died as a result of the fires (including 9 firefighters), 25 across NSW, 5 in Victoria and 3 more in South Australia. Around 10.9 million hectares were burnt, and approximately 3,000 houses destroyed countrywide. The most affected State is the NSW with more than 5.4 million hectares burnt and around 2,400 houses destroyed.
- An alert is in place for Australian Capital Territory as of 31 January. Over the next 24 hours, according to the EU's Global Wildfire Information System (GWIS), the fire danger forecast will remain moderate to extreme across most of NSW, Victoria, and eastern South Australia and high to extreme on Australian Capital Territory.

#### II. Europe

#### Meteoalarm, as of 31 January at 8.00 UTC (EUMETNET)

- On 31 January and 1 February: Red alert for strong wind in central **Germany**.

#### III. Factsheets

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