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I. International

Australia - Bush fires (media)

- As of 5 January, more than 6 million hectares have been burned. New South Wales is the worst affected, with more than 60 uncontained bush fires. Australia is experiencing one of its worst droughts in decades and the fires are forecast to continue for a few more months.
- 23 people have died and 1,000 houses have been destroyed in New South Wales alone.
- 3,000 army reservists were deployed on 4 January, along with additional firefighting aircraft and the navy's largest ship to evacuate thousands of stranded residents along the coast.
- The USA and Canada have sent ground forest firefighting teams to Australia to support national response efforts.

Indonesia – Floods (DG ECHO, AHA Centre, media)

- As of 5 January, 60 people have died and approximately 100,000 have been internally displaced following serious flooding in Indonesia.
- The Indonesian government's meteorology agency forecasts more heavy rain over Jakarta until 7 January.
- Military and health officials have commenced work on health protection, spraying disinfectant in hard-hit areas to limit the spread of waterborne diseases, with no serious cases reported so far.

II. Europe

Meteoalarm, as of 6 January at 08:00 UTC (EUMETNET)

- On 6 January: Red alert for strong wind and snow/ice in **Greece**.

Floods and flood warnings during the last 24 hours reported by national services (EFAS)

- United Kingdom:** Warning level 2/3 for the south of England.

III. Factsheets

Yemen - Factsheet (DG ECHO)

- Yemen remains the world's largest humanitarian crisis. After almost 5 years of a deadly conflict, millions of Yemenis suffer the consequences of intense fighting compounded with looming famine and disease outbreaks.
- 80% of the population - 24 million people - is in need of humanitarian assistance or protection.
- Since the beginning of the conflict in 2015, the European Union has allocated €440 million in humanitarian aid to the Yemen crisis. https://ec.europa.eu/echo/where/middle-east/yemen_en

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