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#### I. International

##### Philippines - Volcanic Eruption (NDRMC, PHIVOLCS, AHA)

- On 12 January, Taal volcano, located in the Batangas Province (central-western Luzon), started erupting an ash plume 10-15 km high, followed by a magmatic eruption including weak lava flow.
- Widespread ashfall was recorded in several locations, including the cities of Manila and Quezon. Additionally, 75 volcanic earthquakes have been registered by the Philippine Seismic Network of which 32 have been felt by the population living close to the volcano.
- According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), around 24,500 people have been displaced and sheltered in 75 evacuation centres in Batangas Province, seven cities experienced power outages and 3 roads have been closed.
- The authorities deployed emergency teams to help those affected in the Batangas Province.
- The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Technology (PHIVOLCS) has raised the alert level to 4 (hazardous eruption imminent) and a further explosive eruption is possible within hours to days. Furthermore, people living in a radius of 14 km from the crater are under mandatory evacuation.

##### Afghanistan - Severe weather (ANDMA, AMD, NOAA-CPC, Media)

- Several people have died as a result of heavy snow and low temperatures, which have affected parts of Afghanistan.
- As of 13 January, media report at least 17 fatalities.
- In Herat Province (central-west Afghanistan) and Kandahar Province (central Afghanistan), several houses have collapsed. Humanitarian aid operations have been hindered by the closure of key roads, including the Salang Tunnel and the Kabul-Kandahar Highway.
- Heavy snow and moderate rain are forecast over north-eastern areas of Afghanistan. On 14 January no heavy snow is expected, while minimum temperatures could fall below -10 degrees Celsius in central and northeastern areas of the country.

##### Pakistan - Severe weather (PMD, Media)

- Heavy snow and rain have been reported across Pakistan leading to fatalities and damage.
- According to media, at least 14 people died as a result of heavy snow in several parts of Balochistan (south-west Pakistan), while 5 people died due to heavy rain in Rajanpur District (Punjab Province, eastern Pakistan). There are reports that a dam broke in Kech District (Balochistan), damaging many houses.
- Several areas remain isolated, rescue and relief operations are hampered by the closure of main roads. A state of emergency has been declared for Mastung, Qila Abdullah, Kech, Ziarat, Harnai, and Pishin districts (Balochistan).
- In the next 24 hours, heavy rain and snow are forecast over northern areas of Pakistan, while warnings for rain induced landslides have been issued for several districts in central and northern Pakistan.

##### USA - Severe weather (NOAA-WPC, NPAA-SPC, Government of Arkansas, Media)

- At least 11 people have died as a result of severe weather conditions, including strong winds, heavy rain and tornadoes in southern and central USA.
- According to media, fatalities were reported in Texas (3), Alabama (3), Louisiana (3), Oklahoma (1) and Iowa (1). Power outages have occurred for hundreds of thousands of people from Texas to Ohio, and several roads were closed in Oklahoma and Arkansas. For Arkansas a state of emergency has been declared.
- According to the US Storm Prediction Center on 11 January, there were 13 tornado reports across south east United States.
- On 13-14 January rain is expected to affect south eastern States, while snow is forecast for the west. A winter storm warning has been issued for areas of north-western USA.

#### 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 south of England and Wales.

##### Meteoalarm - As of 13 January at 8:00 UTC (EUMETNET)

- On 13 January: No Red Alert issued.
- On 14 January: Red Alert for strong winds in coastal western **Ireland**.

#### III. Factsheets

##### N/A

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