



Republic of Serbia - Floods

ECHO CRISIS FLASH N° 1

Period covered

15/05/2014 to 16/05/2014

Time of validity

08:45 (UTC)

Number of people affected (Sector for Emergency Management, Serbian Ministry of Interior)

100 000 households without electricity
300 households flooded

Number of dead:

1 (Sector for Emergency Management, Serbian Ministry of Interior)

Situation

- Due to heavy rains and widespread flooding, the Serbia declared a State of Emergency for the whole territory of the Republic. The most seriously affected regions are Kolubara, Mačva and Morava.
- Serbian Emergency Services have so far evacuated and rescued 650 persons from the affected areas. The Emergency Situations Department of the Ministry of Interior engaged all available resources to protect and rescue the population. Police, Gendarmerie, Serbian Army units as well as the Red Cross are also involved in the rescue operations.
- Critical infrastructure systems are severely affected in several parts of the country, including railway traffic between Belgrade and Nis and between Belgrade – Bar. About 100 000 households in the area of Valjevo, Čačak, Loznica and Lazarevac are currently without electricity.

Assistance

- The Government of Serbia requested assistance from the Union Civil Protection Mechanism through the Emergency Response Coordination Center (ERCC) of the European Commission.
- So far, several high capacity water pumping modules, one rescue helicopter and 10 rescue aluminium motor boats have been requested.
- Until now, Germany, Bulgaria, Austria, Czech Republic and Slovenia have each offered one high capacity pumping module. All offers have been accepted by Serbia.
- A Union Civil Protection Team is to be deployed to Serbia during the weekend.
- The Serbian government requested in parallel assistance from the Russian Federation, which has deployed one water rescue team.

Other information

- N/A

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