

# 4 August 2014: World events

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – Tropical Cyclone BERTHA

- BERTHA passed between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic on 2 August, then moved over the Turks and Caicos islands as a tropical storm.
- Damage due to flooding and strong winds was recorded in the Eastern Region of Dominican Republic.
- In the next 48 h, it is forecast to move over water, away from land, intensifying.

GDACS, NOAA, WMO, Local Media (1, 2)

## SWEDEN – Forest Fire

- On 3 August, Sweden requested assistance via the Union Civil Protection Mechanism due to a major forest fire in Sala and Surahammar municipalities (Västmanlands län).
- Burnt area: 1 438 ha (EFFIS, 4 August).
- To support the ongoing fire-fighting operations, Italy has offered two amphibious planes.

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## ITALY – Severe weather

- Heavy rainfall triggered the overflowing of a river in the province of Treviso, killing four people and injuring eight other in the municipality of Refrontolo.

Media (1, 2)

## BULGARIA – Floods

- Floods continue affecting the area of Miziya. As of 4 August: more than 800 people evacuated and one victim confirmed. Rescue and mitigation activities in the area are ongoing. The water level is decreasing.

Ministry of Interior Bulgaria

## UKRAINE – Conflict

- The situation in Eastern Ukraine remains critical
- As of 29 July 2014 (OCHA, UNHCR), the number of IDPs is estimated to be 111 616. The number of people who fled to Russia is estimated over 141 000.
- ECHO will issue an emergency decision of Euro 2.5 million to meet the needs of vulnerable population affected by the conflict.

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