1 USA – Severe Weather

- Severe weather (tornadoes, strong winds and large hail) affected the central and south-eastern States of USA in the last few days, causing deaths and extensive damage.
- As of 29 April early morning, FEMA reported 14 dead in Arkansans, nine in Mississippi, two in Tennessee, two in Alabama, two in Oklahoma and one in Iowa. Electricity network was also damaged in Mississippi, Alabama and Kentucky, leaving thousands of households without power.
- As of 29 April morning (NOAA), there is still ’Moderate Risk’ of severe thunderstorms over parts of Alabama and eastern Mississippi for 29 April.

Sources: FEMA, NOAA (1, 2), Media (1, 2, 3)

2 Middle East, Europe - Middle East Respiratory Syndrome - MERS

- MERS-CoV (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus) is a virus that is new to humans; it is associated with respiratory illness and high death rates.
- As of 23 April, 345 laboratory-confirmed cases of MERS-CoV in 14 countries have been reported to public health authorities worldwide, including 107 deaths (81 of them in Saudi Arabia). (See in map no. 2 the countries with MERS-CoV cases reported).
- Ten cases (of the 345 cases of MERS-CoV) have been reported in EU MS (UK, FR, DE, IT and GR).
- There has been an increase in the number of cases reported from Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (UAE), since March. The reason is not yet known; public health investigations are ongoing.

Sources: ECHO, ECDC

3 CHINA – Severe Weather

- Heavy rains, hail, floods and landslides affected south-eastern China, over 26-27 April. As of 28 April (Chinese Government), there were three deaths in Guangxi, Zhuang Autonomous Region, 2,800 houses damaged in Jiangxi and more than 400 people evacuated in Hunan province.

Sources: Chinese Government