23 December 2014: World events

LIBYA – EC Humanitarian assistance
- On 22 December, the European Commission announced the allocation of an additional €2 million in humanitarian aid to assist the internally displaced amid the instability and violence that is currently plaguing Libya. These resources will help address most acute needs such as food, medical assistance and psychosocial support, shelter and winter items. Since May, nearly 400,000 people have been displaced.

SYRIA – Humanitarian access and assistance
- On 22 December, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that the Government of Syria authorized the delivery of emergency medical supplies to opposition-held parts of Aleppo and the besieged districts of Eastern Ghouta and Moadamiyyah in the outskirts of the capital Damascus. The deliveries are being prepared for the last week of 2014.
- The WHO estimates that one million people have been wounded since the beginning of the war in Syria.

BANGLADESH – Communal Violence
- Communal violence broke out in the Chittagong Hill Tracks (CHT) on the 16 December as a result of land disputes. Reports suggest that up to 50 houses were set ablaze, shops and places of worship destroyed in Nancharupazila of Rangamati District (CHT). Tensions remain high. The CHT Commission is urging the Government to ensure the safety and security of all indigenous people of Nanchar and all other areas in the CHT.

COLOMBIA – Landslides
- A landslide occurred in the municipality of Mercaderes (Cauca department) on 20 December, killing six people and destroying a bridge. Another landslide occurred on the same day in the municipality of Bolivar, destroying three houses and six bridges. Media reported nearly 13,000 people isolated in four villages.

SRI LANKA – Floods
- Heavy rain in the past few days caused floods in several parts of Sri Lanka (Northern, Central, North Western, Eastern, North Central and Uva Provinces). As of 23 December, there were three dead, over 490,000 people affected, at least 82,000 people evacuated to safety centres, 1,900 houses destroyed and over 8,500 partially damaged. The Government of Sri Lanka is providing cooked meals, water and non-food assistance.
- In the next 24 h, heavy rain and strong winds may still affect the flood affected areas.

MALAYSIA – Severe weather
- Heavy rain continues affecting several parts of Malaysia, causing rivers to overflow and floods in Sabah, Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang states.
- As of 23 December, four people have been killed in Kelantan since 16 December and there were 20,468 evacuees in Kelantan, 6,003 in Terengganu, 2,386 in Pahang and more than 100 in Sabah.
- A Red Warning for heavy rain was in effect in parts of Peninsular Malaysia, as of 23 December (Malaysian Meteorological Department).

INDONESIA – Landslide
- As of 21 December, search and rescue efforts in Banjarnegara regency (Central Java) have stopped. BNPB reports a total of 95 deaths due to the landslide that occurred on 12 December, while 13 people remain missing. Local authorities have now shifted attention to the relocation of evacuees, whose official number has reached 2,038.

Sources:
- ECHO, UN, Media
- WHO, WMO, NNS, DMC-SI
- Malaysian Meteorological Department
- BNPB, UN OCHA