**World events**

**U.S.A. – Severe weather**
- The weather situation in south-eastern USA started improving on 6 October, after several days of very heavy rains that caused severe floods especially in South and North Carolina.
- As of 7 October morning, the number of deaths has risen to 17, two of which in North Carolina and 15 in South Carolina. Media reported that the floodwater started receding in some places, but more than 800 people are still in shelters and several roads and bridges are closed in South Carolina.
- As of early 7 October (NOAA), Flood Warnings were still in effect in some areas of South Carolina, especially in the areas of Santee River and Edisto River.

Sources: NOAA, Media

**Mali – Meningitis, malaria**
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported eight cases of meningitis in northern Mali in the health district of Goundam (Timbuktu region) with two deaths since August. At this stage it is not considered an outbreak according to the WHO, however the strengthening of surveillance and vaccination is essential.
- Humanitarian organizations report a sharp increase in malaria cases in the northern regions of Mali and other parts of the country in recent weeks. Investigations are ongoing to determine whether the epidemic threshold has been reached.

Sources: ECHO, WHO, OCHA

**Yemen – Conflict**
- On 6 October, the Yemen government, the Coalition base and the UAE representative headquarters located in the same hotel in Aden were attacked by several suicide bombers. The same day, an improvised explosive devise exploded at Al Noor mosque in Sana’a. ISIL claimed responsibility for the attack.
- The latest Amnesty International report cites evidence of unlawful airstrikes by coalition forces, with some amounting to war crimes.
- Serious food shortages are reported from governorates.

Sources: ECHO, FP, Amnesty International, Media

**Belgium – Maritime collision**
- On 6 October, 02.10 UTC a merchant vessel Flinterstar (NL) collided with liquid natural gas carrier Al Oraiq (Marshall Islands) approximately 5 NM North West of Zeebrugge. As a result Flinterstar remains aground leaking heavy crude oil.
- On 6 October, Belgium requested assistance from the Netherlands and initiated a joint rescue operation.
- The Dutch National Crisis centre has reported that Rijkwaterstaat has deployed two ships to assist with the oil clean up. Belgian authorities report that the spill is controlled.
- The European Commission’s Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) has been in close contact with both national authorities and will continue to closely monitor the situation.

Sources: ECHO, Belgium authorities, Dutch authorities

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