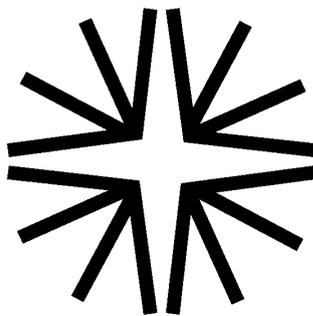


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EADRCC EXERCISE SITUATION REPORT N° 2 ON EXERCISE FERGHANA 2003

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1. Introduction

1.1. With message EADRCC(2002)75, dated 27 April 2003, the EADRCC circulated a report on the situation in Uzbekistan, following a heavy earthquake in the vicinity of the city of Ferghana. Almost immediately, several EAPC countries replied favourably to this EADRCC request for assistance. Advance units for the requested assistance from neighbouring countries already arrived late Sunday evening in the Ferghana region, while teams from other assisting EAPC countries have arrived early Monday morning. An overview of the assistance provided so far, can be found below.

1.2. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva deployed on 27 April 2003 an United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team to Ferghana. The team composed of UNDAC members from Estonia, Finland, Switzerland and UN-OCHA Geneva arrived in the evening of 27 April 2003 in Ferghana city. The UNDAC team, together with the Swedish/Finnish support team is collocated with the Local Emergency Management Authority (LEMA) in Ferghana city.

2. Situation

2.1. During the night of 27 to 28 April representatives from the LEMA and part of the UNDAC Team performed a joint assessment of the affected area in order to identify the impact of the earthquake as well as priority needs. The following was identified:

2.1.1. Akaruk area:

2.1.2. Forty percent of the houses are damaged while some 20 percent have been completely collapsed. One apartment block has totally collapsed and local residents report that many persons are still trapped under the debris. An urgent need for heavy Urban Search and Rescue (SAR) has been identified.

2.1.3. Savod industrial area:

2.1.4. One industrial plant is heavily damaged and has partly collapsed. Several workers are reported missing under the debris. An urgent need for urban SAR teams has been identified. In addition, it was reported that 20 engineers who, at the time of the earthquake, were working in an underground tunnel system have not been accounted for. A possible secondary threat may come from four ammonium storage tanks, that might have suffered from the impact of the earthquake.

2.1.5. Vodil settlement

2.1.6. The epicentre of the earthquake was in Vodil. Fifty percent of the one-family houses have collapsed. Many people are reported missing. Due to the continuous rainfalls, it is feared that the river might soon rise to a threatening level. The bridge over the river has been destroyed by the earthquake. Due to the strong current, it is not possible to cross the river without technical means. Several families need to be evacuated urgently from the inaccessible riverbank.

2.1.7. Roads and bridges

2.1.8. The main road into the area is intact. Smaller roads have not been assessed due to time constraints.

2.1.9. Airfield:

2.1.10. The Ferghana airfield is accessible.

2.1.11. Further assessment need to be made on the following:

- Means for evacuation of the persons in the Vodil settlement;
- HAZMAT assessment of the chemical plant in Savod;
- USAR site assessment of the Savod chemical plant (in connection with HAZMAT experts);
- USAR site assessment of the apartment block in Akaruk;
- USAR site assessment in the Vodil settlement;
- Accessibility (roads bridges) of remote parts of the affected area; and
- Requirements for shelter, health support (e.g. field hospital) water and sanitation

3. Deployment of National Elements

3.1. The following national elements participating in the Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Unit (EADRU) have been deployed:

3.1.1.	Search and Rescue	Armenia	27 April 2003
3.1.2.	Urban Search and Rescue	Denmark	27 April 2003 (Advanced team only) (ETA USAR teams 30 April)
3.1.3.	Search and Rescue	Estonia	27 April 2003
3.1.4.	Medical Team	Estonia	27 April 2003
3.1.5.	Search and Rescue	Georgia	27 April 2003
3.1.6.	Water Purification Team	Germany	27 April 2003
3.1.7.	Search and Rescue	Germany	27 April 2003 (Advanced team only) (ETA SAR team 30 April)
3.1.8.	Search and Rescue	Kazakhstan	27 April 2003

3.1.9	Search and Rescue	Kyrghyz Republic	27 April 2003
3.1.10	Search and Rescue	Poland	27 April 2003 (Advanced team only) (ETA SAR team 30 April)
3.1.11	Urban Search and Rescue	United Kingdom	27 April 2003 (Advanced team only) (ETA USAR team 29 April)
3.1.12	Technical Assessment Team	United States	27 April 2003

4. Outstanding requirements for assistance

4.1. With the deployment of the National Elements as listed in paragraph 3, all requirements for assistance to the stricken nations have been met.

5. Contact information

5.1. The Operational Point of Contact in affected area can be contacted in the following way:

Name: Local Emergency Management Agency
 Organization: Ferghana City
 Telephone: +998-732-24.98.84
 Operating Hours: 24 hours 7/7

6. Coordinated Response

6.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to the remaining requirements of the stricken nation, nations in a position to meet these requirements, in full or in part, are invited to reply the EADRCC, by any of the means of communication listed below:

6.2. The EADRCC is working closely with the UN-OCHA Geneva, who has also mobilising resources through INSARAG channels, and the Mission of Uzbekistan to NATO. In addition, the European Commission Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC) in Brussels will be kept informed of the situation.

6.3. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached in the following ways:

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 Fax : +32-2-707.2677
 Mobile Phone: +32-475-82-90-71 (24 hours)
 Telex: Belgium 23867
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6.4. EADRCC situation reports on exercise "Ferghana 2003" and a map of the exercise area are available on the NATO home page www.nato.int/eadrcc