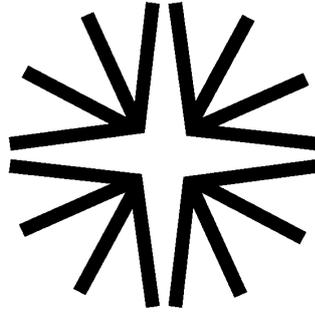


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EADRCC URGENT DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUEST

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Dtg : 17 March 2008, 14:15 UTC
From: : Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre
To : Points of Contact for International Disaster Response in NATO and
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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 17 March 2008, a disaster assistance request from the Albanian mission to NATO. The following information was provided.

2. General Situation.

2.1 Massive explosions in an ammunition storage site near the Albanian capital of Tirana on 15 March 2008, have badly affected three villages. Explosions continued for many hours until 14:00 on 16 March close to the village of Gerdec, 16 kilometres from Tirana.

2.2 According to information received from the local authorities a number of buildings, including homes, have been totally destroyed and 90 per cent of the population living in those villages have been evacuated and accommodated with relatives who live in the nearby area.

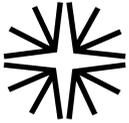
2.3 The government has declared a state of emergency for this area and emergency commissions have been set up at central and local level.

3. Initial Assessment of the damage and description of the situation.

3.1. Due to the ongoing high risk of further explosions, it is not possible for anyone except the police and army special forces to enter the affected area. However, preliminary information concerning the impact of the explosion shows the following:

- 9 people are confirmed dead
- 12 people are considered as missing

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- 296 people are injured, 16 very seriously.
- There are 3 villages seriously affected, with a total population of 4,000 people; 90 per cent are evacuated and accommodated in 2 collective army residencies, one in Tirana and the other in Durres.
- 500 buildings closer to the area of explosion are damaged; 315 are seriously damaged and 6 schools are damaged.
- The electricity supply is cut in the whole affected area.

4. National resources available for disaster response and measures taken. The surrounding area has been secured. Albania has requested the following assistance from Italian Civil Protection on a bilateral basis:

- SAR teams
- Medical team and first aid medical items for injured people suffering from burns and trauma.
- 500 blood packages (different groups)

5. The following requirements for international assistance have been identified:

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity
5.1	Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) de-mining devices and EOD protecting de-mining devices	ASAP	TBD
5.2.	Light, medium and heavy protected uniforms, model EOD 7B	ASAP	TBD
5.3.	Module for pulling, ALLEN HOOK MK2, MK3 and MK4	ASAP	TBD
5.4.	Exploding devices, SHRIKE with 500 m electric cable	ASAP	TBD
5.5.	Helmets for face protection.	ASAP	TBD

6. **Points of Entry:** To be confirmed

7. **Delivery point:** To be confirmed

8. **The Operational Point of Contact in Albania can be reached in the following ways:**

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9. Response co-ordination.

9.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to the stricken nation's requirements, nations in a position to meet these demands, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Operational Point of Contact of the Stricken Nation, with an information copy to EADRCC, by any of the communication means listed above and below.

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

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