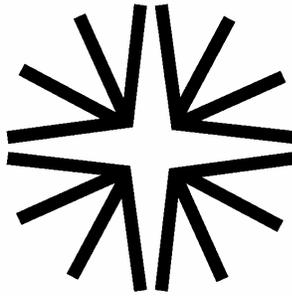


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Explosions - Albania

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1. Situation update:

1.1 **21 people are confirmed dead, 6 victims are still unidentified**, and more than 250 are injured. Approximately 10.000 people have been affected.

1.2 It is reported that around **4.000 people have been evacuated from the disaster area**. Some 600 persons are accommodated in the residency of Mol (Durrës), in the military premises of MoD (Durrës) and in private resorts. **Shelter, food, medical care, clothing and psychological treatment are provided.**

1.3 **The situation** in the village of Gerdec and **in the area declared as a Disaster Zone is being controlled and fully monitored** by the authorities. An Inter Ministerial Committee, set up on this occasion, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and composed of 6 Ministers of the Cabinet, has the overall lead of the emergency management operations and efforts.

2. Resources available for disaster response and measures taken:

2.1 **Army special forces are deployed at the blast site for the clean-up and demilitarization of the area from unexploded ordnances.** Good progress has been made and they have reached the crater of the explosion itself.

2.2 **150 SAR personnel** from the Albanian Armed Forces **are deployed** on the ground, **38 Albanian EOD personnel, supported by US military assessment team, Slovenian and Danish teams, are fully involved.**

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2.3 At the request of the Government of Albania (GoA), a 7-member **UNDAC team arrived in Tirana for a two week mission**. The UNDAC team will support the Government to assess the overall situation and identify priority needs. In collaboration with the GoA, the UNDAC Team will carry out a rapid assessment of the affected area.

3. Assistance provided by EAPC Nations:

3.1 **The Czech Republic** has sent humanitarian assistance on a bilateral basis. The delivery of the **Medical supplies** is expected on Sunday 23 March. The cargo is accompanied by Czech fire rescue brigade experts.

3.2 **Denmark relocated existing in country Danish Church Aid EoD resources** to the explosion site. Additionally, **40.000 Euro have been allocated** to the Albanian Red Cross for relief activities.

3.3 **USA** is reported to be sending an EoD team.

3.4 **Switzerland** is reported to have offered a HAZMAT team should it be necessary and has pledged 500.000 Euros for medical treatment for victims, to provide expertise in environmental analysis and to support long term solutions for housing and rehabilitation of public buildings.

3.5 **The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**¹ delivered some **200 units of blood and medical supplies**. The Ministry of Defence of Albania **accepted the offer of equipment**:

- 30 Protection Level V50>450 m/s uniforms 1.1 g STANAG 2920
- 4 Complete set for deactivation and pulling EOD
- 4 Complete set for electric ignition
- 50 American Body Armor TAC-200R HELMET 492

3.6 **Greece** provided the following assistance on a bilateral basis:

- one Medical team from the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity (1 specialist R.N Triage, 1 Orthopedic Surgeon M.D, 1 Anesthesiologist M.D, 1 specialist Triage M.D)
- 5 EOD protecting de-mining devices
- 2 Sets of protective EOD uniforms
- 2 Helmets for face protection
- Medical supplies and other medicines

¹ Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name



- 77 Blood packages

- 6 Respiratory ventilators.

Five wounded people have been transported to a hospital in Thessalonica by plane. One more injured has been transported by road to a hospital in Ioannina.

3.7 **Austrian MoD provided/shipped 6 Pallets (around 800 kg) of various medicines, dressing material and infusions** for heavily injured persons by using commercial civilian plane on 16 March 2008 from Vienna to Tirana.

3.8 Based on a bilateral agreement, **Italy** sent to Albania a **SAR team, medical items and blood packages** on 15 March 2008. 19 injured persons were carried to Italian hospitals through an air bridge.

3.9 **France**, on a bilateral basis, delivered 100 tents and 30 field kitchens.

3.10 The **German Red Cross** sent **2.000 infusions with ALBUMIN and** ten big sets of **dressing materials** and delivered it to the Albanian Red Cross for distribution.

3.11 Some **300 units of blood were also transported by a KFOR** helicopter from Kosovo on 15 March.

3.12 **Sweden** on 18 March sent an **EOD expert** upon request to Albania to advise the rescue operation.

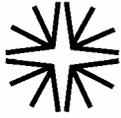
3.13 **Four EAPC countries** have informed the EADRCC that, regrettably, they **do not possess the requested capabilities** or that the capabilities are not available at this moment.

4. **Requests for further assistance will be formulated by the Inter Ministerial Committee of Emergency Management.** The UNDAC team will support the Government to assess the overall situation and identify priority needs. In collaboration with the GoA, the UNDAC Team will carry out a rapid assessment of the affected area on 22 – 23 March.

5. Point of entry: Tirana International Airport, border crossing point Qafathane.

6. Delivery point: TBDThe Operational Point of Contact in Albania is as follows:

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7. Coordinated Response

7.1 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.

7.2 Information about assistance offered and provided has been compiled from inputs received from EAPC national and UN authorities, which does not imply the EADRCC's active involvement in each of the co-ordination processes.

7.3 The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva and the European Union MIC have been informed by the same communication.

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

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