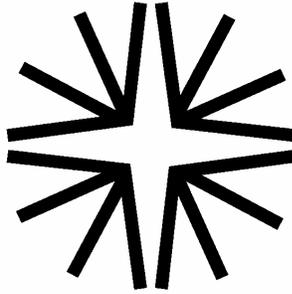


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Explosions - Albania

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According to the information provided by the Albanian National Emergency Operations Centre and the UNDAC team:

1. Situation update:

1.1 **The overall situation in the Disaster Zone is quiet und fully under control.**

1.2 **Approximately 10.000 people have been affected, 22 people are confirmed dead, 3 victims are still unidentified, and 300 are injured.**

2. Resources available for disaster response and measures taken:

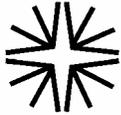
2.1 **EOD clearance operations are continuing on site and it is reported that there are sufficient resources currently in the country to complete the initial surface clearing operation.**

2.2 **The Government of Albania (GoA) indicates that the immediate emergency relief phase is over and the focus is now on reconstruction and rehabilitation needs.**

3. Assistance provided by EAPC Nations:

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

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3.2 **The Czech Republic** sent humanitarian assistance on a bilateral basis. The **Medical supplies** arrived to Albania on 23 March. The cargo was accompanied by Czech fire rescue brigade experts.

3.3 **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.

3.4 **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

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

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

3.7 **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
- 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.

3.8 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 Assistance and one de-mining team have arrived from Protection Force of **Kosovo**.

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

3.11 **Switzerland** has offered a HAZMAT team and has pledged 500.000 Euros for medical treatment for victims, to provide expertise in environmental analysis and to support

¹ Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name



long term solutions for housing and rehabilitation of public buildings. 2 injured were transported to Switzerland.

3.12 **One wounded person was transported to a hospital in Turkey.**

3.13 **USA** has offered to send an EoD team. **US citizens**, through the US Agency for International Development (USAID), **provided \$50,000 to meet the immediate needs.**

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

3.15 The **UNDAC team** has been supporting the GoA to assess the overall situation and identify priority needs.

3.16 **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. International assistance:

4.1 The Ministry of Interior has stated that **the immediate emergency relief phase is over and that short term needs have been covered.**

4.2 The Albanian authorities have indicated that **they will require the assistance of the international community in meeting the medium and long term needs.**

4.3 It is likely that the GoA will require external, specialist assistance in clearing the area of the actual explosion site, which is heavily contaminated.

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.



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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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