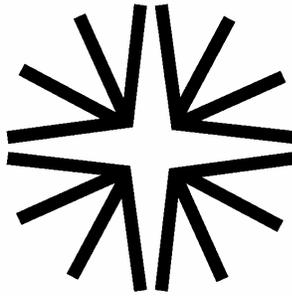


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EXPLOSION – ALBANIA
FINAL REPORT

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This report has been compiled in accordance with 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 with a clear tendency for further improvement.**

1.2 The major part of the affected area (including houses and other buildings) has been controlled, cleaned up and certified. Therefore, the reconstruction process is due to begin.

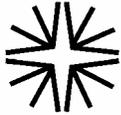
1.3 A security zone in the blast site has been delimited. It is under the strict supervision of specialized teams of Army special forces.

1.4 Approximately **10.000 people have been affected, 300 have been injured, 26 people are confirmed dead and 1 declared missing.**

2. Resources available for disaster response and measures taken:

2.1 Initial surface clearing is underway and it is reported that **sufficient Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) resources are currently in country** to achieve this objective.

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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.

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 Macedonia¹** 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 **dressing 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.

¹ Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name



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 **Kosovo** provided 10 EOD specialists and three support staff from the Kosovo Protection Corps.

3.10 **Romania** provided 6 medicine boxes and 50 blood units.

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

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

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

3.14 **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.**

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

3.16 The **UNDAC team** supported the GoA to assess the overall situation and identified priority needs. The UNDAC team’s final report – “Assessment and recommendations following the Gerdec Explosions” is posted on the Virtual OSOCC web pages.

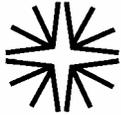
3.17 **Five EAPC countries** have informed the EADRCC that, regrettably, they **did not possess the requested capabilities** or that the capabilities were not available.

4. According to the information provided by the Albanian authorities **there is no need for further international assistance with regard to EOD equipment.**

5. **On behalf of the Government of Albania the EADRCC wishes to thank EAPC nations for the assistance offered and provided.**

6. The Operational Point of Contact in Albania is as follows:

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7. Coordinated Response

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

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