



Exercise “ZHETYSU 2009”

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Also on the second day of Exercise “Zhetysu 2009”, rescue teams from Kazakhstan and ten Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC) countries continue to alleviate the consequences of the earthquake that occurred on the 6th September 2009.

Although less frequent, aftershocks are still a concern to the Kazakh authorities as they continue to cause damage to houses of residents and important infrastructure including dams of the country. In a number of cases particularly medical facilities have been destroyed by the aftershock, which starts media to raise concern about the robustness and earthquake resistance of these buildings.

Residents of still unaffected areas continue to flee to areas that are considered safe. Many of them can be accommodated in temporary facilities established by the Kazakh authorities by also in a tent camp for evacuees established by the Turkish Red Crescent Society.

Despite the ongoing aftershock and the damage they are causing, reconstruction efforts are already underway, particularly to repair crucial power line. Thanks to the repair of one of the major power lines to Almaty, there is no danger anymore for an escape of dangerous toxics from in chemical facility in that city as was reported yesterday.

Bridges and roads have been destroyed causing numerous traffic accidents. Some of these involve public transport or transports of hazardous materials. Thanks to the adequate response of national and international response teams the loss of lives could be limited.