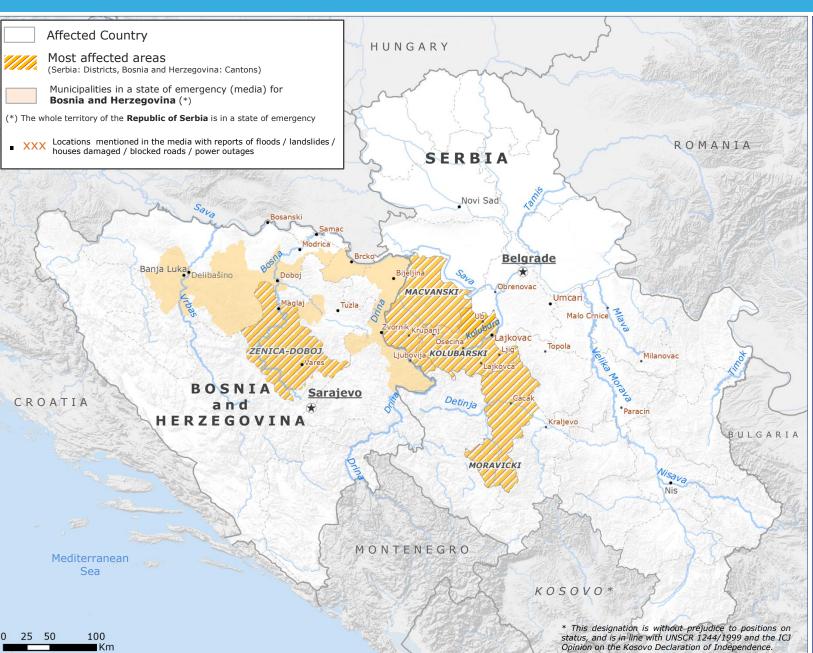
16 May 2014: Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina – Severe weather/Floods





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SITUATION

SERBIA:

- On 15 May, the government of Serbia declared a State of Emergency for the whole territory of the Republic, due to the floods caused by the heavy rainfall of the last few days.
- As of 16 May (according to media), there were: three deaths (one in Umcari, two in Lajkovac), approx. 4 600 people had to evacuate their homes, approx. 100 000 households were without electricity, as a large number of power plants have been flooded. The municipality of Ub is reported to be particularly affected (media).
- The government of Serbia has requested international assistance through the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

CURRENT WEATHER SITUATION AND FORECAST: The Republic Hydro-meteorological Service has issued a Warning for heavy rain in western and south-western Serbia on 16 May, although the amount of rainfall expected is significantly lower than that of the previous days. Rainfall is predicted to cease over the weekend.

BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA:

- Heavy rainfall affected Bosnia and Herzegovina on 15 May. As of 16 May morning, water levels are still increasing in the Vrbas river; water levels exceeded the emergency flood protection level at Delibašino Village.
- According to media reports (as of 16 May), the **Zenica-Doboj Canton** is particularly affected. Many people in **Maglaj** are still waiting for evacuation. Throughout the country the transportation network has been damaged in several places. Some cities and villages are without electricity and water supply. One person was reported dead in Bijelijna.
- The government of Bosnia and Herzegovina has requested international assistance through the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

CURRENT WEATHER SITUATION AND FORECAST: According to the country's Meteorological Services, more rains may still affect northern parts on 16 May, while the weather conditions are expected to improve significantly from 17 May. Rainfall is predicted to cease over the weekend

Sources: JRC/EFAS, National Authorities, National information, media