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Satellite mapping overview

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Asia

Iran-Iraq earthquake – GLIDE number: EQ-2017-000165-IRN

Following the M 7.3 earthquake that struck in the area near the northern Iran-Iraq border on the 12 November 2017, the Iranian Space Agency in collaboration with UNITAR-UNOSAT mapped the distribution of people gathering sites and shelters in the Sarpol-e-Zahab Province, north of Sarpol City by using Pleiades images acquired on the 16 November 2017.

In addition, analysing the comparison between a pre-event ESRI World Imagery and a post-event Pleiades image of the 15th November 2017, Copernicus Emergency Management Service published a damage assessment map of the City of Darbandikhan, Iraq, and the results show that one structure has been estimated affected by the earthquake.

Source: UNITAR-UNOSAT/Iranian Space Agency, Copernicus EMS

Link:

http://unosat-maps.web.cern.ch/unosat-maps/IQ/EQ20171112IRQ/UNOSAT_A3_EQ20171112IRQ_SarpolZahabNorth_Landscape_IDP_ISA.pdf,
http://emergency.copernicus.eu/mapping/system/files/components/EMSR256_01DARBANDIKHAN_02GRADING_MAP_v2_100dpi.pdf

Indonesia Mt. Agung Eruption-UNOSAT number VO20171125IDN

On the 25 November 2017 the volcano Mt. Agung in Bali, Indonesia, erupted releasing large quantities of ash and preventing aeroplane flights over Bali. The alert level was raised from III to IV on this occasion and the inhabitants of the island living within 10 km of the volcano have been evacuated. NASA's Earth Observatory has published a MODIS Terra image acquired on 29 November 2017, showing the volcano's ash plume. An analysis on the concentration variation of sulphur dioxide (SO₂) in the period between the 27 and the 28 November 2017 has been carried out by NOAA/NASA using the Ozone Mapper Profile Suite (OMPS) on the Suomi-NPP satellite. As noted, a reduction on SO₂ concentration is apparent on the 28 November.

Source: NASA Earth Observatory

Link: <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

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Europe

Albania floods- Copernicus number: EMSR258

In the last week severe weather has affected the northern and central areas of Albania, causing floods. As of the 1 December 2017, 39 families were evacuated, 18 structures were flooded and 71 000 houses are without electricity. In response of this event, the Copernicus Emergency Management Service has been activated and in the following days will be releasing flood maps in order to support the Albanian Civil Protection activities.

Source: Copernicus-EMS

Link: <http://emergency.copernicus.eu/mapping/list-of-components/EMSR258>

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