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UNJLC Bulletins aim to provide a clear and concise regular overview of the logistics situation in the earthquake-affected area of Pakistan and adjacent areas as it pertains to humanitarian relief work. They focus on practical issues affecting the welfare of the afflicted populace and related humanitarian work such as the status of transport routes for getting supplies and personnel into the area, relevant administrative or commercial developments, air (including strategic airlift and helicopter operations), customs and immigration matters, and the availability of accommodation and fuels. They further seek to identify major issues for the humanitarian community and other interested parties, to provide relevant background and constructive recommendations on current issues, and to alert responsible parties to emerging factors.

Summary and Highlights

Days since October 8th Earthquake: 123

- The security situation in the affected area is somewhat tense due to protests over a cartoon published in Danish, Norwegian and French newspapers coinciding with the month of Muharram which began on January 31st.
- The traditional Ashura processions will be held throughout Pakistan on February 8th and 9th. Cargo movement will be suspended for these days.
- The UNJLC cargo movement request program has seen a marked increase in both the number of requests and the amount of NFI to be moved.

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1. Security

The security situation in the affected areas has been somewhat tense over the last week due to protests over a cartoon depicting the prophet Mohammed published in a Danish newspaper and subsequently in Norway and France. Demonstrations have been held all over Pakistan demanding the removal of the Danish ambassador and incidents of flag burning have been reported. This situation has been especially worrying given the large number of Norwegian, Danish and French nationals currently working in the relief operation. UNHAS and other organisations have made the decision to replace Danish and Norwegian field staff with those of other nationalities until the situation calms.

In addition to this, the Muslim holy month of Muharram began on January 31st. On February 8th and 9th the traditional Ashura processions will take place in all major cities and towns around the country. In the past, tension and some sectarian violence have been observed throughout this month, especially over the first ten days. International relief workers are advised to take personal security measures and avoid the procession areas in their respective locations. The local authorities have prepared a tightened security plan for these days and additional forces will be deployed. Agencies and NGOs are advised to minimize all movements over this period.

2. Cargo Movement Request Program

The two-day celebration will also have an effect on cargo and passenger movement. **Atlas** and **IOM** will not be

operating on February 8th and 9th and capacity on February 10th will likely remain reduced and for priority goods only. **UNHAS** has also cancelled all passenger flights and air cargo movement over the 8th and 9th. Operations are planned to resume on the 10th, however this remains dependent on the security situation. Even if flights go ahead there may be a lack of available staff through Friday and the weekend for sling load preparation and loading/unloading of goods.

The **UNJLC Cargo Coordination Cell** was established to coordinate free air and ground cargo transport provided by its implementing partners UNHAS, Atlas and IOM. UNJLC is the receiving point for these requests and is responsible for processing and prioritising all of the cargo for ground, air or a combination of both. There has been a marked recent upsurge in cargo movement requests over the last few weeks alongside a substantial rise in requests to move Non Food Items (**NFIs**).

PERIOD	NUMBER OF CARGO MOVEMENT REQUESTS	TONNAGE OF NFI MOVEMENT REQUESTED
DECEMBER 2005	350	1,675
JANUARY 2005	427	2,403
FEBRUARY 1 st – 6 th , 2005	113	1,244

3. Road Update

Some movement constraints on humanitarian workers have been eased in the Batagram area. Escorts are no longer mandatory on the KKH between Chatterplain and Besham and UNDSS is now allowing international UN staff to travel the road from Thakot to Bana. However, overnight stays in Bana are still not permitted.

ABOUT UNJLC: UNJLC is an inter-agency facility reporting to the Islamabad-based Humanitarian Coordinator for the South Asia (Pakistan and India) Earthquake and strategically to the Inter Agency Standing Committee. Its mandate is to coordinate and optimise logistics capabilities of humanitarian organisations in large scale emergencies. UNJLC operates under the custodianship of WFP, which is responsible for the administrative and financial management of the unit. UNJLC is funded from voluntary contributions that are channelled through WFP. The UNJLC project document for the Pakistan Earthquake can be viewed at the UNJLC website (www.unjlc.org).

4. Aviation Update: Helicopter Status



UNHAS has flown a total of 16,462 tonnes to date in the Pakistan relief operation.

Helicopter capacity has remained relatively stable over this last week with the exception of the IFRC Mi-8 which has now been redeployed. The ICRC Mi-8T has been taken over by MSF. The remaining German Stallions under NATO were taken home for heavy maintenance and two new ones have now been brought in under a bilateral agreement. They will be tasked by UNHAS, as will the two Australian S-70s formerly working with the US and Pakistan Militaries. The chart below shows the total flying hours and tonnages moved to date by the major international organisations taking part in the Pakistan air relief operation. UNHAS has also transported 23,799 passengers.

ORGANISATION	FLYING HOURS	TOTAL TONNAGE
UNHAS (to Feb 6)	6087	16,462
NATO (to Jan 29)	786	1,861
US MIL (to Feb 7)	5040	11,749
ICRC (to Feb 6)	2195	3,621

Aircraft Type	Number of aircraft		Cargo Capacity, tonnes		Comments
	8 th Feb	1 st Feb	8 th Feb	1 st Feb	
As of Feb 8st					
UNHAS Tasked Assets:					
Mi-8 MT	16	16	60.00	60.00	UNHAS chartered assets expected to remain constant over the coming period.
Mi-26T	2	2	36.00	36.00	
Kamov 32	2	2	8.00	8.00	
CH-53	2	2	36.00	36.00	
S-70	2	-	6.00	-	German Military, until March 31 st . Australian Military
Sub-total	24	22	134.00	128.00	
Government of Pakistan Assets:					
Mi-17	6	6	22.50	22.50	Pakistani Government assets are deployed both in the forward field locations and from Chaklala Air Force Base in Islamabad.
Bell 412	2	2	4.00	4.00	
UH-2H	3	3	6.00	6.00	
Alouette –III	1	1	1.50	1.50	
Lama	2	2	1.00	1.00	
SA-330 Puma	1	1	2.00	2.00	
AB-205	1	1	.50	.50	
Sub-total	16	16	37.50	37.50	
Foreign Government and Foreign Military Assets in Support of the Pakistani Government:					
Blackhawks	2	4	6.00	12.00	US Military. Four or more of the US CH-47 Chinooks work with UNHAS through the AOC.
CH-47 – Chinook	12	12	72.00	72.00	
MD 900	-	-	-	-	NATO 4-Seater through Luxembourg
Sub-total	14	16	78.00	84.00	
Other:					
Mi-8 MTV	-	1	-	3.75	Operated by IFRC
Mi-8 MTV	2	2	7.50	7.50	
SA-330 Puma	2	2	6.00	6.00	Operated by ICRC
AS-332 Super Puma	1	1	3.00	3.00	
Kamov 32	1	1	4.00	4.00	
Mi-26	1	1	18.00	18.00	
Mi-8T	-	1	-	3.25	
AB-139	4	4	22.00	22.00	Operated by Aga Khan Foundation (Pakistan)
AS-350 Squirrel	2	2	0.50	0.50	Operated by AirServ for MSF Holland
Mi-8T	1	-	3.25	-	MSF Holland
Sub-total	14	15	64.25	68.00	
Overall Total	68	69	313.75	317.50	

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Detailed information on the Clusters managing the humanitarian response, including the Logistics Cluster in which UNJLC plays a key role, is available on www.un.org.pk. Daily situation reports from the UN Emergency Response Centre – Islamabad are available on www.reliefweb.int.

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