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# UNJLC Pakistan Earthquake

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*UNJLC Bulletins aim to provide a clear and concise regular overview of the situation as it exists in the earthquake-affected area of Pakistan and contiguous areas with regards to logistics matters affecting immediate relief work by the humanitarian community. They focus on practical issues that affect the welfare of the afflicted populace and related humanitarian work such as the status of transport routes for humanitarian supplies and personnel into the area, relevant administrative or commercial developments, air (including strategic airlift and helicopter operations), Customs and immigration matters, and 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 issues. This bulletin will be produced daily until further notice.*

### 1. Logistics Organisation

Referring to the aid sent so far into the affected area and evacuation of injured people out:

***This is not enough. We have never had this kind of logistical nightmare ever. We thought the tsunami was the worst we could get. This is worse.***

Jan Egeland, UN Emergency Relief Co-ordinator  
Geneva, as reported by BBC Online

Twelve days after the October 8<sup>th</sup> earthquake, the enormity and immense complexity of the humanitarian logistics operation and the co-ordination required to make it as effective as possible, is now being appreciated widely.

In order to more effectively address the challenges, given the pressing human need and narrow window of opportunity, the Logistic Cluster (see Bulletin 1 of October 17<sup>th</sup>, page 1) has been split into two: a smaller, strategic group to look at emerging issues with a timeframe beyond the immediate future and to plot an overall concept of operations; and a larger operational, day-to-day group to address current issues of immediate concern. Both groups meet at UNJLC's Islamabad premises and are chaired by WFP or, in WFP's absence, UNJLC. The strategic group meets three times a week at 7:30pm, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. The operational group meets daily 8:30am.

Major NGO's are particularly welcome. All agencies with a logistics plan are invited to share these with the strategic group so that economies of scale may be identified and a coherent, co-ordinated and ultimately more economical and effective overall logistics effort obtained.

### 2. Free Transport

**Atlas Logistique**, a French NGO operating in Pakistan and Afghanistan for the past two years, has a mandate to provide, to the extent possible, free land transportation for NGO cargos throughout Pakistan. It is presently investigating transport contracts. Contact may be made with Mr. Christophe Vergeron on +92 (0)301 532-2112 or atlas@atlas-logistique.org. Further details will be provided as they become available.

### 3. Transport Rates

Increased demand for overland transport services to the affected area is leading to higher cargo rates as trucking firms take commercial advantage of the situation.

To assist in maintaining fair prices, World Food Programme (WFP), being one of the largest users of logistical resources in the emergency, has kindly offered to share its transport rates with other members of the humanitarian community.

UNJLC is convening a meeting between WFP, the International Organisation for Migration and Atlas Logistique, being major users of trucking capacity, to compare rates in the market. This will lead to the setting of benchmarks that will be published, allowing other organisations to better negotiate realistic rates.

### 4. Helicopters Deployed

A total of about **69 rotary-wing machines** are presently deployed with up to **24** in the pipeline. The estimated presently deployed fleet of less than 5-tonne capacity machines is **60 aircraft**, 39 of which are Pakistani cargo military, as below. Heavier machines are **nine aircraft**, being four CH-53 Super Stallions - two each from the US and German military - and five US CH-47 Chinooks.

<i>Currently operational helicopters of up to 5-tonne cargo capacity</i>	UNHAS	IFRC	US Military	US Gov't	Afghanistan	Pakistan	Japan	Agha Khan	Total
Mi-8 MTV	5	2		2					9
Mi-17					4	5			9
UH-60 Blackhawk			3			5			8
SA-330 Puma						1			1
Bell 412						26			26
H-3 Sea King						2			2
UH-1 Huey							3	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>

A further **19** helicopters of up to 5-tonne cargo capacity, comprising 18 Mi-8 MTV's (10 UNHAS, 8 IFRC) and a South African SA-330 Puma are in the pipeline. **Five** heavier machines, comprising two UNHAS Mi-26's and three Royal Air Force CH-47 Chinooks are also *en route* to Pakistan.

**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](http://www.unjlc.org)).

## 5. The NATO Air Bridge

As reported in Bulletin 2 of October 18<sup>th</sup>, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) has established an air bridge to Pakistan, primarily Islamabad. This will use C-17, C-130, Boeing 707 and other aircraft operating largely out of Incirlik in Turkey. Several other loads have already been carried as previously reported. Over a ten hour period starting late October 20<sup>th</sup>, five C-130's – one each from France, Italy and Greece and two from the UK – and one 707 from Luxembourg will carry about 65 tonnes of shelter material for UNHCR into Islamabad. The airbridge is expected to continue operating for some weeks. It may later carry non-shelter items and provides an important strategic airlift capacity and budgetary relief for key agencies.

UNJLC has established contact and a method of operation with the NATO team in Islamabad and the Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Co-ordination Centre (EADRCC) at NATO headquarters. A procedure for requesting airlift is being developed and will be published on the UNJLC website as soon as it is finalised. The point of contact in UNJLC Islamabad is Brian Isbell, +92(0)300 856-0164, brian.isbell@wfp.org.

The airbridge is intended primarily for the transport of Government-sponsored humanitarian goods from NATO member nations but NATO has agreed to consider requests from UN agencies and third parties on a case-by-case basis. All such requests are to be channelled through UNJLC Islamabad, specifically Brian Isbell.

UNJLC is presently resolving initial problems with the release of such consignments to the consignee by the Pakistani Army. With the aircraft landing at the Chaklala Air Base, air operations are overseen by the Pakistani Air Force, but unloading and onward movement by the Pakistani Army. It is vital that consignees meet and remove their consignments immediately or they may be taken into possession by the Pakistani Army but early indications are that the handover process will work as intended.



*Helicopters, such as this Pakistani military helicopter operating from a hastily-prepared landing pad at Bagh, provide a lifeline for supplies being brought in to affected areas and for the evacuation of the many wounded. Picture courtesy of GOAL*

## 6. UNHAS Passenger Service

UNHAS has established a schedule to carry humanitarian workers by helicopter into main parts of the affected area, servicing Muzaffarabad and Manshera from Islamabad. These flights are available free-of-charge on a space available basis to all UN agencies, responding NGO's and donor country personnel. Passenger bookings may be done only at UNHAS premises at **House 1, Street 2, F-8/3, Islamabad**. This is about 50 metres south of the intersection of Marghalla Road and Khostan Road.

Further destinations may be serviced once further UNHAS helicopters are operational in the coming days.

## 7. Field Accommodation

Swedish Rescue Services Agency is establishing a 60-person camp at **Muzaffarabad**. This will be expandable to a capacity of 100 and should be fully operational within a week. However, it may be possible to find accommodation at the camp in the next few days.

Three more camps are in the pipeline, a 30-person one from Denmark which was expected to arrive today, and two similar ones from Norway, expected to arrive within 48 hours. The Danish camp will be deployed at **Mansehra**. It is understood that the locations for the two Norwegian camps have yet to be finalised but they are likely to be established at **Shangla** or **Batagram**, or possibly **Bagh**.

Bookings are not possible. All accommodation is on a first-come-first-served basis.

Irish NGO GOAL is operating at Bagh and may be able to offer assistance with advice or accommodation there.

All other NGO's operational at other locations in the field that may be able to offer field accommodation to colleague NGO workers are asked to advise UNJLC at john.levins@wfp.org.

## 8. Road Access

According to UNDSS (UN Department of Safety and Security), the status of access for the main routes in the North West Frontier Province has remained largely unchanged over the past two days. With ongoing tremors in the area and hillsides made unstable by the main earthquake, small landslides continue to cut off routes temporarily. However, the Pakistani Army has deployed earthmoving equipment that can generally clear major routes within a day. Blockages to lesser routes are cleared less rapidly but may be overcome by passage on foot or by pack animals.

It is expected that the humanitarian community will have to deploy avalanche control units within less than two months.

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Detailed information on the clusters being used to manage the humanitarian response, including the Logistics Cluster in which UNJLC plays a key role, is available on [www.un.org.pk](http://www.un.org.pk). Daily situation reports from the UN Emergency Response Centre – Islamabad are available on [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).