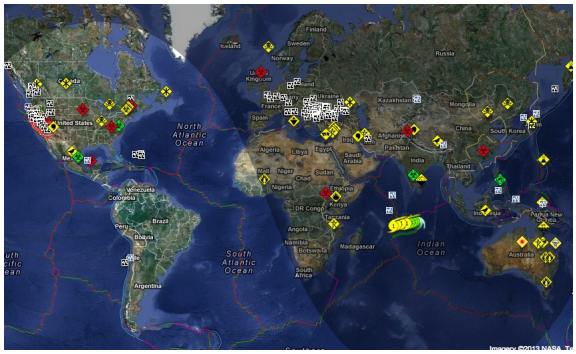
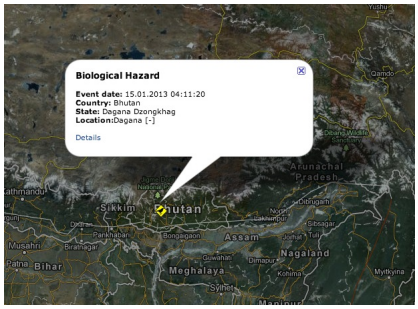


The Emergency and Disaster Information Service (EDIS) provides up to date information on significant emergencies and disasters around the globe. Run by the Hungarian National Association of Radio Distress-Signalling and Infocommunications (RSOE) the service is a crucial resource to travelers everywhere, whether they overlanders, backpackers, or people on a family holiday. The RSOE monitors numerous local and national level emergency systems in addition to almost 1000 worldwide internet press publications to provide a real time look at the emergencies the world is facing as we speak.

For several reasons, this can be a useful tool for the overland traveler, who often needs to be more self sufficient than others. A simple look at the map above will not only tell you any significant world events, but also emergencies in areas that you may need to drive through, whether it be a wildfire in Australia, an epidemic in Uganda, or an earthquake in Chile.

Also interesting is storm tracking, in this case tropical depression Emang, which is tracking towards southern Africa.



Even if you were to find yourself traveling through a country such as the Kingdom of Bhutan, you would still be alerted to the presence of a biological hazard—something you may not have known of previously.

The RSOE EDIS is also an essential tool for those looking to be more aware of events around the world, even if they aren't traveling anywhere. For those in the United States, it's interesting to watch the amount of earthquakes consistently happening in California amongst other less common emergencies.

View the RSOE EDIS here. [link]

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