

Floods Kill Over 50 in Eastern India



New Delhi, August 1 (RHC)-- In eastern India, days of monsoons triggered floods last week that killed over 50 people and have affected millions of others.

Officials in the northeastern state of Assam said over the weekend that 26 people died as rivers burst their banks, causing deadly floods in villages. More than three million people have been affected by the rising flood waters.

Reports said people were sheltered in makeshift camps along the highways and on higher ground in Assam. Local news agencies said more than 20 people were also killed in the state of Bihar as floods displaced thousands.

Flooding and landslides triggered by torrential monsoons claim the lives of scores of people every year in India and neighboring Nepal and Bangladesh. Dozens were killed in flash floods that hit the northern regions of India last month. Heavy downpours also affected the central state of Madhya Pradesh, killing at least 15 people.

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