

Flooding and landslides kill hundreds throughout South and Southeast Asia



New Delhi, August 14 (RHC)-- In India, massive floods and landslides have killed an estimated 200 people and displaced hundreds of thousands, as days of torrential monsoon downpours hit several southern and western states. In Kerala, a mudslide killed at least 50 people last weekend.

One Kerala resident who was rescued, Ajeet Pattankudi, told reporters: "It has been at least five to six days. Everybody is stuck there in the flooded villages; animals and others all are stuck there. People are facing a lot of problems. Water has come from all directions. Water has entered all the houses."

Meanwhile, in Burma, at least 60 people have been killed and over 100,000 displaced due to monsoon flooding. Homes were buried by mud as 30 inches of rain fell on a coastal district over two days. Environmentalists say that industry-driven deforestation has compounded the effects of mass flooding, as well as the droughts experienced during other parts of the year.



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