



Uruguay: Heavy Storm

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"South and Eastern parts of Uruguay were hit yesterday by an unusual and unexpected storm with heavy rain and hurricane-force winds blowing at speeds of over 160 km per hour."



SITUATION

Heavy storm with hurricane-force winds struck south and eastern parts of Uruguay on 24 August 2005. Seven people reported killed. Serious damage reported in affected Departments (where 70% of the country's population lives). Damage reported to housing and public infrastructure sectors, including transportation, water and sanitation, and power and communications lines. Damage to agricultural sector expected to be high.

ACTION

Emergency Committee established by Government to address humanitarian needs of evacuated and homeless persons. Response capacity reported to be "stretched to the limit." Damage assessment underway; clean-up operations have begun. Re-establishment of public services progressing slowly.

Map projection: Geographic
Map data source: CIESEN, USGS, ESRI
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Note: Locations of fatalities appearing on the map based on Associated Press reports

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