

Devastating Floods Continue in Southern Siberia

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At least five people have been killed and two are missing following severe floods in Russia's Irkutsk region in southern Siberia on Saturday, June 29.

Over 1,160 people were evacuated to safety by Russian emergency services.

A cyclone struck the south Siberian region on Tuesday, June 25, adding rain torrents to local rivers, already filled to the brim with spring-water coming from the mountains.

President Vladimir Putin visited the disaster area on Saturday after the G20 summit in Osaka and urged emergency and infrastructure officials to speed up their work.

"The time is short and we need to avoid having people stay in tents when the frost comes," Putin said.

According to the state-run TASS news agency, 800 million rubles (\$12.6 million) worth of damage was caused to local roads, and agricultural losses were estimated to be 300 million rubles (\$4.7 million).

Although the weather situation has improved, meteorologists have estimated a further flood surge on July 6-7.

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