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Beijing Floods



On 21/22 July 2012, the heaviest rainfall to hit China's capital Beijing in 60 years has tragically left 77 people dead.

The torrential downpour lasted 10 hours, with gusty winds in some areas and a tornado in one suburb, during the storm, traffic was paralyzed for hours, with drivers and pedestrians stranded throughout the city. Many streets were flooded with water levels sometimes as deep as 13 feet (4 meters). The average rainfall Saturday was 6.7 inches, but one suburban district recorded 18 inches. Flooding submerged some power supply facilities and led to blackouts in parts of the city.

It was the heaviest on record in Fangshan district in the southwest of the city, which received 18.4 inches of rain Saturday, according to the weather bureau.

At the Beijing International Airport, more than 500 flights were canceled Saturday. At one point, some 80,000 passengers were stranded in the airport terminals. The capital's skies were clear Monday, with traffic back to normal.

Our Beijing office is now responding to claims and we already have a team on the ground in Beijing and Tianjin.

Should you have claims which require our attention or need more information relevant to this catastrophe please contact any of the contacts shown below.

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