

Cyclone Idai death toll could top 1,000 in Mozambique



Beira, March 20 (RHC)-- In Mozambique, President Filipe Nyusi said that the death toll from Tropical Cyclone Idai could reach over 1,000 people. The devastating cyclone brought winds of 110 miles per hour and massive flooding to Mozambique and neighboring Zimbabwe and Malawi last weekend, in what Mozambique's environment minister called the "biggest natural disaster" the country has ever faced.

International aid agencies warned that Idai destroyed 90 percent of the low-lying port city of Beira, which has a population of over half a million people.

Meanwhile, in other climate news, massive flooding has forced the closing of much of the Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. Flooding submerged as many as 60 structures on the base, which is the headquarters of U.S. Strategic Command.

In January, the Pentagon released a report warning that climate change could threaten two-thirds of the nation's military installations. Last October, Hurricane Michael severely damaged Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida.



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