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Authorities said the recent deaths were caused by floods, fires and gas leaks from home heaters used by Afghan families to cope with the cold. Tens of thousands of livestock have also died due to extreme winter weather, as more than half of Afghanistan's population, including millions of children, is facing hunger and malnutrition due to a worsening humanitarian crisis that's been exacerbated by international economic sanctions on the Taliban government.

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