

Rains and flooding kill at least 25 people in China

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Beijing, July 21 (RHC)-- At least 25 people were killed in China's Henan province as it was battered with a year's worth of rain in just three days. At least 12 of the victims perished in the inundated subway system. Dramatic online video shows passengers trapped on underground trains, chest-high in floodwater.

Some 200,000 people have been evacuated. Meteorologists said that kind of rainfall happens "once in a thousand years." Greenpeace has warned China's cities would see even hotter summers and wetter rainy seasons due to the climate crisis.

In other climate news, in Siberia, 320,000 residents have been told to stay indoors amid record-breaking wildfires, with the city of Yakutsk experiencing what might be one of the world's worst-ever air pollution events.

In the U.S., the skies are once again thick with haze as far east as New York City as the massive Bootleg and other fires rage in the West. Meanwhile, the Great Salt Lake, the largest saltwater lake in the Western Hemisphere, has tied its all-time historic lowest level, and is expected to break that record soon amid the ongoing drought.

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