

Flooding Kills 20 in Pakistan's Peshawar

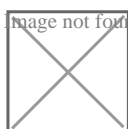


Islamabad, April 27 (RHC)-- At least 20 people have died in flooding caused by heavy rains in the capital of the northwestern Pakistani province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, a police official says. Mian Syed, a senior Pakistani police official, said on Sunday that approximately 100 others suffered injuries as a result of the flooding in Peshawar. The police official said dozens of houses collapsed due to the heavy rains and winds in the city.

Several main roads were also reportedly blocked with fallen trees and mobile phone towers in the city. Reports added that the depth of flood waters reached three feet (one meter) in some areas. Riaz Khan Mehsud, a senior local government official, confirmed the casualties, saying the number of the dead and injured people was expected to rise.

Rains and flash floods hit the Pakistani province of Punjab and the disputed Indian-administered Kashmir in September 2014, claiming the lives of hundreds of people, washing away crops, damaging tens of thousands of houses, and affecting a total of over a million people.

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