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UPDATE OF REPORTED Global CLIMATE-WEATHER IMPACTS

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The Rapid Response Project (RRP) has been reformed as the Climate Information Project (CIP). The weekly summaries of climate-weather impacts, monthly summaries of climate conditions, and all other previous RRP activities will be continued under the CIP.

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Impacts Reported as of 04/02/01

RUSSIA (flood) The Itar-Tass via COMTEX reported that ice covering the small rivers of the Altai Republic was melting over the weekend (March 31-April 1st.) due to abnormally warm weather. The water level in the rivers is on the rise, and homes in Gomo-Altai are suffering from short-term flooding. The water has reportedly risen 0.2-0.5m per day in the upper reaches of the Ob River, and the rivers of the Ob basin (Charysh, Aloya, Biya, Katun, Ina and the upper reaches of the Tom River).

AUSTRALIA (storm) The Sydney Morning Herald reported that a thunderstorm hit Sydney's east on April 2nd, damaging buildings and bringing down trees. The worst damage was to Maroubra Surf Club on Marine Parade and St. Spyridon High School on Anzac Parade.

Impacts Reported as of 04/10/01

AFGHANISTAN (drought) Various media sources reported that thousands of Afghan refugees fleeing the on-going drought and protracted war are arriving at camps set up by the UN in western Afghanistan. Approximately 1,000 individuals arrive each day, and the sanitary conditions at the camps are reportedly poor. UN camps in Herat reportedly house 110,000 individuals.

ANGOLA (flood) The BBC reported that heavy rains caused floods that have left 5 individuals dead and 20 missing in the southern town of Namibe. According to state-run radio, two rivers burst their banks, inundating villages and blocking the main road in the area. More than 1,500 villagers were reportedly stranded for more than one week in the neighbouring province of Benguela.

ARGENTINA (storm) EFE via COMTEX reported that following a storm that affected several northwestern Argentine provinces, 6 people were found dead on Thursday, April 5th, and 10

individuals remain missing. Three individuals reportedly died in the town of Palma Sola, in the province of Jujuy, as a result of flooded rivers, including the Santa Rita River, and storms in the area. Strong winds and heavy rain reportedly left 2,000 people homeless and 8 people missing in Palma Sola. The bad weather reportedly began on Wednesday and resulted in flooding and landslides while cutting off roads in the provinces of Catamarca and Salta. Three individuals reportedly died and one remains missing in Salta.

CHINA (drought) Xinhua via COMTEX reported that the on-going spring planting in north China's Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region has been shackled by a rare drought - more severe than the one that hit the region last year. Low moisture content has been reported in 48% of the farmland in the area, and as a result of the continuous drought and lack of rainfall, nearly 20% of Inner Mongolia's electricity-operated wells failed to pump enough water from underground. In addition, a considerable portion of the region's reservoirs and ponds are dry, and some 530,000 people and 4.5 million cattle in the region are being affected by a shortage of drinking water.

CHINA (events) Xinhua via COMTEX reported that according to the latest Climate Bulletin by the National Climate Center, unusual climate events occurred frequently in China from December 1999 to November 2000, and the meteorological disasters were more severe than normal. A severe nationwide drought affected an extensive area for a long period, making 2000 the most arid year since 1949, and leading to great losses in the national economy, especially in agricultural production. China was also affected by low temperatures in the winter, sandstorms in the spring, heat in the summer and rain in the fall. In total, the climate conditions in 2000 were slightly worse than normal as far as agricultural production was concerned and near normal for other economic industries.

CHINA (sandstorm) Xinhua via COMTEX reported that northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and its neighbouring provinces of Gansu both experienced their strongest sandstorm of the year on Sunday. The sandstorm reportedly caused visibility to be reduced to only 100m, and in Jinchang city in Gansu zero visibility was reported. Six flights were cancelled or forced to land in nearby airports due to poor weather conditions in Gansu. According to meteorological analysts, a movement of strong cold air from Siberia or northwest China reportedly caused the sandstorms.

COLOMBIA (flood) The BBC reported on April 9th that more than 1,500 people have been hit by flooding in the southwest region of the country. Most individuals reportedly had their homes destroyed, and the local authorities declared a state of emergency because of worries about the level of several rivers, especially the Putumayo and San Juan.

CUBA (drought) EFE via COMTEX reported that Cuba's eastern and central regions have been suffering from one of the worst droughts in a decade for months. The on-going drought has forced authorities to adopt a series of measures to protect water supplies as well as crops and livestock. According to the Granma newspaper, the drought has brought reservoirs in the province of Camaguey to their lowest levels in 5 years. The provinces of Tunas and Guantanamo have registered below-average rain levels for the region, and currently only 9% of the cultivated farmland is being irrigated. In Guantanamo reservoirs have fallen to only 42 cubic metres, compared to the more than 300 million cubic metres of total capacity. In addition, a state of

emergency was declared in Santiago de Cuba eleven days ago because it has only one-third of the required water level. Heat signatures and smoke were noted from fires burning in Cuba. Images are available in the Daily Report or Archives of the OSEI daily reports located at: <http://www.osei.noaa.gov>.

INDONESIA (flood) Xinhua via COMTEX reported that according to TV reports, 6 students who were part of a group exploring the Nyai cave located in Cikatomas district of the Tasikmalaya regency of West Java were found dead on Sunday and Monday. Another individual is reportedly missing. The students reportedly encountered a 3-hour torrential rainstorm that caused the cave to flood while they were in it.

MALAWI (flood) OCHA reported on April 9th that according to the Department of Disaster Preparedness, Relief and Rehabilitation (DDPRR), 334,985 individuals have been displaced and 59 people have died in the 13 of 27 affected districts to date. On March 27th the DDPRR reported that the districts of Mwanza (southern region), Karong (northern region) and Kasungu (central region) had been newly affected by flooding.

MONGOLIA (snow) Xinhua via COMTEX reported that according to Mongolian TV reports, snowstorms hit most parts of Mongolia on Monday, leaving 6 individuals dead and more than 100,000 head of livestock missing. The snow reportedly blocked traffic in most of the province, destroyed lots of yurts, and cut the power supply. The Ulan Bator International airport was reportedly closed and all international and domestic flights were cancelled temporarily. The snowstorm and sudden low temperatures caused heavy losses to pasturelands, which are now in lambing season. According to reports, the snowstorms and foot-and-mouth disease have killed a total of more than one million head of livestock.

MOZAMBIQUE (flood) OCHA reported that the death toll from flooding in central Mozambique is 84. On April 5th OCHA reported that a total of 210,916 individuals had been displaced and were living in 79 accommodation centers. The number of people displaced from each of the 4 provinces of Sofala, Manica, Tete and Zambezia is 68,644, 12,716, 51,518 and 78,028 respectively. People are reportedly continuing to arrive in the accommodation centers, and the flooding has forced 183 primary schools to close, disrupting the education of 52,500 individuals. The access roads to Maravia and Chifunde district in Tete provinces reportedly remain impassable, and according to the FAO and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development 66,500 households have been identified as requiring assistance to restore their livelihood in farming in the four affected provinces. A total of 42,000 hectares of crops have reportedly been lost.

NIGER (famine) The Panafrican News Agency reported that the government of Niger sent out an appeal for emergency aid of some 60,000 tonnes of cereals for May to August to avert famine. The famine is reportedly being blamed on insufficient rains and crop failures. There is a reported cereal deficit of approximately 163,360 tonnes, affecting 4,155 of the country's 10,094 agricultural villages, hosting approximately 3,584,558 people, or 35% of Niger's population.

RUSSIA (sandstorm) Various media sources reported that sandstorms swept across Khabarovsk, Komsomolsk-on-Amur and a number of townships in the Jewish autonomous district, Amur and Chita regions on Sunday April 8th. Streets were reportedly covered in brown dust, and raindrops

looked brown. The sandstorms reportedly resulted from sand and dust storms that occurred in China. Southwest winds reportedly brought the dust to the territories of the Russia's Far East, and the storms forced individuals to stay indoors with their windows and doors closed tightly.

UNITED STATES (fire) Heat signatures and smoke were noted from fires burning in Florida. Images are available in the Daily Report or Archives of the OSEI daily reports located at: <http://www.osei.noaa.gov>.

ZIMBABWE (flood) UNIRIN/All Africa Global Media via COMTEX reported on April 7th that the worst flooding in memory washed away hundreds of houses in Tsholotsho, in Zimbabwe's Matabeleland province, leaving at least 1,500 individuals homeless. The Gwayi River reportedly burst its banks following heavy rains last week, and the floodwaters reportedly destroyed numerous homes and livestock, forcing hundreds of families to flee to the mountains. One individual reportedly died in the floods, bringing the total number of people killed nationwide, since the beginning of the rainy season, to 15.

Impacts Reported as of 04/12/01

ANGOLA (flood/drought)- Update Reuters reported that heavy rains have caused flooding in the southern provinces of Benguela and Namibe, destroying homes and strangling supply routes from the coast. Meanwhile a drought is raging in the southern interior province of Cunene. According to the national welfare agency, MINARS, at least 20,000 individuals have reportedly lost their homes due to flooding in Namibe, and 3,000 more have lost their homes in Benguela. The overflowing Bero River reportedly submerged 2 suburbs of Namibe town, the provincial capital.

CANADA (lack of rain) Resource News International via COMTEX reported that below normal precipitation in the province of Saskatchewan is causing uncertainty regarding what to seed this spring. Accumulated winter precipitation (November 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001) was well below normal for most of the province, excluding the southeastern and east-central areas.

CUBA (drought)- Update EFE via COMTEX reported that authorities declared a drought "alert" for the Cuban eastern province of Guantanamo. The provinces of Guantanamo and Santiago are reportedly the hardest hit, and the shrinking levels of reservoirs due to sparse rains prompted the alert. Last year was reportedly one of Cuba's driest years, with the drought especially hurting sugar and tobacco crops, and the grazing industry.

KENYA (drought) The BBC reported that according to a joint statement from more than 40 aid agencies, more than 4 million people are facing starvation in Kenya due to years of drought. Hundreds of thousands of livestock have reportedly died, depriving rural communities of their only sources of livelihood, and Kenyan farmers have not recovered from a series of crop failures.

MONGOLIA (snow)-Update Xinhua via COMTEX reported that according to the Mongolian News Agency, at least 7 people have died and 9 remain missing after a fierce snowstorm hit most parts of Mongolia between April 7th and 9th. Five people reportedly died in Malchin county of Uvs province. Zamuun-Uud was reportedly hit by both snow and sandstorms on Monday, and Khovd was also struck by a sandstorm. Communications were reportedly interrupted in some

counties of Zavhan and Uvs provinces due to the snowstorm. VANUATU (cyclone) OCHA reported that tropical cyclone SOSE passed within 40km of Santo on April 7th, causing heavy rains, rough Northwesterly swells and sustained gale force winds over 100km/hr throughout the western islands of Vanuatu. The cyclone particularly affected the island of Santo in the north, Malekula, Ambae, the Shepard Group and Efate in central Vanuatu, and Erromango, Tanna and Anatom in the south. One individual was reportedly swept away, and remains missing, by a swollen river at Nawalala Village on Santo. In addition, an inter-island vessel reportedly sank in heavy seas off the coast of Malo Island near Santo. Villages on the south coast of Santo, and in the vicinity of Luganville reportedly suffered from flooding, which cut roads and has further damaged crops, particularly bananas, yams, taro and manioc. Sixty people were reportedly evacuated from flooded areas and 59 houses were completely destroyed, while 101 were partially damaged by the wind. On the tiny island of Ahamb 4 classrooms and all the food crops were destroyed. In Port Vila, the capital on Efate Island, 50 people were reportedly evacuated, power lines downed and roads were reportedly blocked by debris and floodwaters.

Impacts Reported as of 04/19/01

ANGOLA (storm/landslide)- Update The Xinhua via COMTEX reported that at least 11 individuals died and more than 1,000 were displaced in Luanda over the weekend following torrential rains that hit the city hard on Saturday. Eight people reportedly died in Boavista District when their homes collapsed due to a landslide triggered by the heavy rains. EHTIOPIA (drought) UNIRIN/All Africa Global Media via COMTEX reported that according to state-run Radio Ethiopia on April 11th, residents in two areas of the Somali state in southeastern Ethiopia warned that people and cattle are suffering from water shortages. Three representatives from Gashemo, Aware, Danetu and Warder reportedly all said ponds and water points had run dry.

MALAWI (flood)- Update OCHA reported that the latest estimate indicates that more than 500,000 individuals have been affected by the flooding.

MOZAMBIQUE (flood)- Update The Xinhua via COMTEX reported that the Mozambican government announced on Wednesday (18th) that the country's GDP grew by 2.1% last year, falling short of its last downward revision of 3.8%, and only a fraction more than one-fifth of 1999's impressive 10% expansion. The cabinet has reportedly attributed the reduced economic growth to catastrophic flooding early last year, the political and economic crises in neighboring Zimbabwe, and a drop in international prices for farm products. A total of 109 lives have reportedly been lost as a result of the floods - 71 in the province of Zambezia, 28 in Tete, 6 in Sofala and 4 in Manica. According to OCHA the number of people now in accommodation centers is estimated at 225,075, and the total number of affected people is 461,811. Provincial authorities in Sofala have reportedly estimated that 1.5 million dollars is needed to rehabilitate roads and bridges damaged by the floods. An estimated 900km of road and at least 3 bridges are reportedly in need of rehabilitation. The FAO reported that the area of crops lost is approximately 67,300 hectares, and the Ministry of Health reported an outbreak of cholera in Mutarara district, Tete province. The direct cause for the outbreak is reportedly consumption of untreated water from the Zambezi River.

UNITED STATES (drought) Reuters reported that Florida's drought - the worst in a century in some parts - has cost farmers 574 million dollars in the last four years. Even the state's citrus

industry has suffered from the drought, losing 82 million dollars over the past 4 years. The Florida Department of Agriculture survey from this year reportedly found serious losses across the state's farming industries. The largest losses - 295 million since 1997 - were reportedly to row crops, like corn, peanuts, cotton, soybeans and hay in northern Florida, and the panhandle.

UNITED STATES (dust) The AP reported that according to experts, a dust storm that started in Mongolia and picked up industrial pollution from China has spread a haze across one quarter of the mainland United States. The whitish haze has reportedly been seen from Calgary, Alberta to Arizona to Aspen, where weekend levels of particulate matter quadrupled from the previous weekend.

UNITED STATES (flood) Various media sources reported that the Governor of Iowa declared 10 counties disaster areas on Monday, and in Wisconsin and Minnesota 9 counties and 16 counties respectively have been declared states of emergency. Flooding of the Mississippi River has forced hundreds of people from their homes, and more than 400 miles of the Mississippi - from Muscatine, Iowa, to Minneapolis, Minnesota - have been closed to navigation because of the flooding. Rail service has also been disrupted as both Amtrak and Burlington Northern Santa Fe have stopped trains between Chicago and Minneapolis-St. Paul. In St. Paul the river topped at 23 feet for the first time since the 1960's, covering 4 city parks and a downtown airport for small planes. One individual is reportedly missing. In Wabasha, MN a dozen homes have been inundated, and in Fountain City, WI 35 homes have been destroyed. In La Crosse, WI the Mississippi crested at 16.41 feet Wednesday morning, 1.5 feet below the record set in April 1965. In addition, more than 200 individuals were evacuated from Abel Essman Island, Iowa when the river crested at 5.7m, almost 4 feet higher than the flood stage. Images are available in the Daily Report or Archives of the OSEI daily reports located at: <http://www.osei.noaa.gov>.

UNITED STATES (tornado/snow) The AP reported that 4 individuals died, buildings were badly damaged, trees uprooted and cars overturned when numerous tornados hit the Midwest a week ago. Two individuals reportedly died in Agency, Iowa where 2 houses were destroyed and 9 others were severely damaged after a tornado touched down in the southeastern Iowa town. Three other twisters reportedly hit southern Iowa on Wednesday April 11th. One individual reportedly died in a tornado in Coal County, Oklahoma, and one individual died in Missouri on Tuesday April 10th where five tornados were confirmed in and around Fulton. Another tornado touched down in the northwestern corner of Missouri, in Worth County on Wednesday, destroying several small farm buildings and at least one house. In Cameron, Missouri high winds ripped the roof off an antique shop on Wednesday, and the electricity was cut off to the entire city as winds gusted up to 60mph. Further west, parts of Colorado, Wyoming and the Nebraska panhandle were paralyzed by blowing snow that closed hundreds of miles of highway and the region's biggest airport. All of Denver's public schools were closed for the first time in more than 6 years, and nearly 50,000 utility customers lost power in Colorado. In addition, the Denver International Airport was reportedly shut for 7 hours.

Impacts Reported as of 04/24/01

AFGHANISTAN (drought) Xinhua via COMTEX reported that half a million residents of Afghanistan are living as refugees in their own country as a result of the on-going drought, deep

poverty and war. Afghanistan has reportedly been ravaged by 2 decades of war and the worst drought in 30 years. Entire villages have reportedly been abandoned, and more than 120,000 individuals are living in UN camps set up in Herat, while 1,800 more people continue to arrive each day. There are reportedly another 100,000 people living in desperate conditions in Mazar-e-Sharif, and approximately 200,000 individuals have fled to neighbouring Pakistan.

ANGOLA (drought) Xinhua via COMTEX reported that according to the Portuguese Lusa news agency 58 individuals died from hunger in the first 2 months of 2001 in the central Angolan province of Kwanza-Sul. Crops reportedly withered in a drought that hit Kwanza-Sul at the beginning of this year. Approximately 4,000 displaced families living in areas around the provincial capital Sumbe and the district of Seles are reportedly especially hard hit. The drought is reportedly forcing people to eat the roots of banana and papaya trees.

NIGERIA (flood) UNIRIN/All Africa Global Media via COMTEX reported that according to "The Vanguard" newspaper, floods that resulted from heavy rain on April 16th in Oke-Odo, Lagos State killed at least 4 individuals. Other individuals reportedly sustained injuries and several market stalls were damaged.

PAKISTAN (drought) The AP reported that two years of drought and record low snowfalls are severely affecting northern Pakistan. The previously abundant Indus River is reportedly now only a trickle in some places, causing fishing to be decimated and farmland to become parched. According to the Finance Minister, Pakistan will lose 1.2 billion dollars in agricultural revenue as a result of the drought. Entire villages have reportedly relocated from the banks of the Indus River, and most of the farmland in Sindh, Pakistan's southern most province, is irrigated by a network of canals that are now mostly parched. Wheat production in Sindh has reportedly fallen almost 40%, and the government is predicting that wheat production will fall to 17.5 million tons this year, compared to the 22 million tons produced last year. Agricultural specialists are also reportedly predicting a bad year for cotton, which was planted late due to the water shortage.

UNITED STATES (flood)-Update Various media sources reported that the Mississippi River is still causing severe flooding in the 4 northern states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

UNITED STATES (tornado) The AP reported that a tornado hit Hoisington, Kansas late Saturday night, ripping the roof off a hospital just after it was evacuated, and damaging several blocks of homes. At least one individual reportedly died, and 32 individuals were injured, including 4 critically. The town of approximately 3,000 was reportedly without power and most telephone services after the tornado touched down around 9:15pm. Approximately 20% of the town reportedly suffered major damage, with about 569 residences suffering. The roof was also reportedly blown off the high school, and another tornado reportedly touched down in Lincoln County, between Lincoln and Beverly.

Impacts Reported as of 04/27/01

ANGOLA (flood) OCHA reported that heavy rains and flooding have caused extensive damage in southern Angola, particularly the provinces of Benguela, Cunene, Huila and Namibe. Bridges over the Beiro and Giraul Rivers in the Namibe province collapsed and the railroad connection between part of Namibe and Huila province has been cut, severely affecting the transportation of

humanitarian assistance. Government figures reportedly indicate that at least 48 individuals have died, including 18 in the capital Luanda and 20 in Namibe. In Benguela province the municipalities of Lobito, Benguela and Baia Farta have been affected, and more than 17,400 individuals are without shelter. Flooding of the Rio Coporolo has also reportedly obstructed road access to areas of Canto, Senje and Luacho since early April. In Huila a large number of access routes have been inundated and at least 2 bridges have been destroyed, while in Namibe the city of Namibe suffered extensive damage.

BRAZIL (flood) The AP reported that according to the authorities, flooding caused by heavy rains that hit western Brazil have resulted in the deaths of at least 13 individuals and left more than 10 others missing. The rains reportedly began falling at the beginning of the week, and have flooded several neighbourhoods in Cuiaba. Rivers in the area reportedly overflowed their banks causing houses to collapse.

MOZAMBIQUE (flood)-Update Xinhua via COMTEX reported that the death toll has reached 113 individuals, and that 223,000 people still remain displaced as a result of the flooding in Mozambique. Approximately 150 primary schools have reportedly been destroyed, depriving 110,500 pupils of their education, and 82,550 hectares of crops have been lost, affecting 114,450 households.

PERU (flood) Xinhua via COMTEX reported that according to local authorities, 9 people are missing and 10 are injured in Junin because heavy rains caused the Cuvaru and Camavari Rivers to overflow early Wednesday. More than 300 people from 6 native communities in the Mazamari district were reportedly affected, approximately 80 dwellings were washed away, and 400 hectares of cultivated land were destroyed.

RUSSIA (wildfire) The Itar-Tass reported that the spring has brought back forest fires to Russia's Far East, where according to the regional center of the Russian Ministry for Emergency Situations, more than 1,600 hectares of taiga are engulfed in flames. Approximately 14,000 hectares of taiga are reportedly on fire in the Jewish Autonomous District and new wildfires were spotted in Khabarovsk and Amur regions. The Khabarovsk administration reported that over the past 3 years approximately 2.5 million hectares of forest have been burned.

UNITED STATES (fire) The AP reported that an 18-mile stretch of U.S. 1 - the main highway between Florida City and Key Largo - and an alternate route were closed periodically from Monday to Thursday (23rd - 26th) because smoke was causing severely reduced visibility. Through Wednesday (25th) , 2,252 fires statewide had charred 178,138 acres since January 1st.

Impacts Reported as of 04/30/01

BANGLADESH (storm) Reuters reported that at least 21 individuals died, more than 100 were injured and many are missing following a series of storms that hit parts of Bangladesh on the weekend (28th & 29th). The tropical storms with winds up to 80kmph (50mph) also damaged homes and paddy crops. Seven individuals reportedly drowned, and some 50 others remain missing, as a result of a ferry sinking on Saturday night in Meghna river estuary. Officials in Sirajgang, northwest of Dhaka, reported that 12 individuals were killed and approximately 50 were injured by falling trees and collapsing bamboo-walled houses with tin roofs. In the

neighbouring district of Pabna, more than 100 homes and many acres of standing crops were damaged. In addition, lightning in the northeastern town of Sylhet reportedly killed 2 individuals, and at least 50 people were injured as the storm leveled at least 100 homes and scores of trees on Sunday.

CUBA (fire) Heat signatures and smoke were noted from fires burning in Cuba. Images are available in the Daily Report or Archives of the OSEI daily reports located at:
<http://www.osei.noaa.gov>.

MOZAMBIQUE (flood)- Update UNIRIN/All Africa Global Media via COMTEX reported that floods that hit central Mozambique this year destroyed a total of 71,000 hectares of crops, leaving approximately 99,500 families at risk of hunger. A reported 23,200 families were affected in the province of Tete, 38,700 in Sofala, 33,500 in Zambezia and 14,100 in Manica.

SOMOA (flood) OCHA reported that around midnight on Sunday April 15th heavy flash floods inundated lowlands around the town of Lepea and Moataa and rivers and streams also overflowed causing flooding along the Upolu coast from Lepea to Falefa in the east and Siumu in the south. Most schools around Apia, especially those close to the rivers - such as Vaisigano and Vaimoso - were temporarily closed for lack of drinking water and sanitary purposes. The Somoa Water Authority estimated that the water supply system suffered from 1.5 million dollars in damage.

UNITED STATES (fire) The AP reported that a smoky brush and swamp fire in North Bergen and Seacaucus, New Jersey, closed parts of several major highways for several hours on Sunday. The fires also reportedly disrupted passenger train travel into New York City.

ANGOLA (flood/health)-Update UNIRIN/All Africa Global Media via COMTEX reported that according to a statement made by the World Health Organization on Thursday, (April 26th) more than 25,000 people that have been displaced by flooding in the southern Angolan province of Namibe are facing increased threats to their health as the effects of the heaviest rainy season in many years kicks in. The flooding has reportedly forced large numbers of people into areas with no safe water sources or sanitation systems.

SIERRA LEONE (storm) The Concord Times/All Africa Global Media via COMTEX reported that 3 individuals are dead, and others are severely wounded following heavy storms that blew across the township of Bo last Wednesday (April 25th). The storm occurred around 5:00pm and destroyed millions of leones worth of property.

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