

# Selected Global Extreme Information

Climate Information Project (CIP): May 2000- Last Updated May 30th, 2000

## UPDATE OF REPORTED 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.

\*The information provided in the CIP updates are gathered from a variety of wire and news sources as well as country and international agency reports. It does not necessarily reflect the focus or interest of NOAA's Office of Global Programs and is meant only as source of condensed information.

### **Impacts Reported for the month as of 05/30/00**

**ARGENTINA** (flood, wind) Reuters reported that the Buenos Aires Province declared a state of emergency last Tuesday (16th of May) after 3 days of heavy rainfall and wind temporarily displaced some 13,000 people. 2 deaths were also reported.

**COLOMBIA** (flood) Reuters reported that heavy rains and associated flooding have killed some 11 people and destroyed several homes in the southern and eastern regions of the country. 90 homes were reportedly destroyed in the Santander Province while another 50 were also destroyed in the Putumayo Province.

**INDONESIA** (flood) OCHA reported May 18 that several days of heavy rainfall caused flooding in the Belu district of West Timor. 90 people reportedly died, while 20,000 people were affected and 100 houses destroyed.

**IRAN** (drought) OCHA reported May 12 that drought affecting the southern regions of the country has caused economic damage worth 1.7 billion USD, according to the country's Ministry of Interior. Most of the dollar loss has accrued from damages and losses associated with crops and livestock. Another 60 million USD was associated with the water system. Although 17 of Iran's 28 provinces have been affected, Khorasan is reportedly the most severely impacted.

**UNITED STATES** (drought) According to the AP, officials in Georgia have noted that drought affecting parts of the state seems to have reduced the number of mosquitoes and black flies. Mosquito control so far this year has not been nearly as intensive as in previous years.

**UNITED STATES** (flood) According to the AP, heavy rainfall on the 20th in southeastern Texas temporarily displaced about 70 people and stopped air traffic in Dallas and Houston airports.

COLOMBIA (flood)--Update The AP reported that heavy rains and associated flooding and mudslides this past weekend ( 20-21st) resulted in 21 fatalities in the states of Putumayo, Pasto, and Santander.

FIRE Fires and hotspots were noted in Florida. Images available in the May 24 Daily Report located at: <http://www.osei.noaa.gov>

KENYA (drought) Reuters reported that the Kenyan government announced a nationwide plan for electricity rationing and outages on Tuesday (23rd) , as two years of drought have substantially reduced the country's water reservoirs. 70% of Kenya's electricity is reportedly produced from hydropower. The Kenyan President, Moi, also appealed on Thursday for international assistance for 23 million Kenyans who reportedly face food shortages related to the ongoing drought, but particularly the failure of the most recent rainy season.

BANGLADESH (Floods) Rain, hail, wind, and associated flooding resulted in 40 reported deaths last week. Various parts of the country were affected, and according to the AFP, officials reported that since rains had slackened, the flooding was receding. The AP reported that the rainfall caused the Manu and Dholai rivers to burst their banks thereby displacing 70,000 people.

FIRE Fires and hotspots were noted over parts of Central America, Kazakhstan, and Central Russia. Imagery made available in the May 26, 2000 Daily Report of the OSEI group archived at: <http://www.osei.noaa.gov> Additional resources available at: <http://www.ruf.uni-freiburg.de/fireglobe/current/globalfire.htm>

JAPAN (hail) The AP reported that golf-ball sized hail, which fell for over an hour in Chiba and Ibaraki prefectures on the 24th, resulted in 100 injured people and damaged some 4,000 homes.

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