

Urgent Appeal to support Flood-hit victims in Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka, India.

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At least 130 people have been killed in Karnataka and neighboring Andhra Pradesh in heavy rain since Wednesday and army boats and air force helicopters Friday began to rescue hundreds of people marooned at several places. Hundreds of people in the two states were trapped in floodwaters and were waiting on rooftops and higher places to be rescued. Thousands more have been rendered homeless. Over 40,000 houses have been damaged,' a spokesperson for the Karnataka revenue ministry told IANS. He said five helicopters and 40 boats have been deployed for rescue and relief operations. Over 85 relief centers have been set up, he added. In Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister K. Rosaiah said the flood situation was grim and army personnel have been deployed for rescue operations. Six helicopters have been pressed into service to rescue people. While four helicopters are being used to airlift the flood-hit in Kurnool district, two choppers were deployed in Mahabubnagar district. As this appeal is being issued, the two neighboring states are expecting the flood situation to worsen in next 12 hours.

(Source://in.news.yahoo.com/43/20091002/812/tnl-rain-fury-claims-130-in-karnataka-an.html)



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