

Sakha Evacuates 190 Amid Spring Flooding

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More than 190 people were evacuated from their homes as emergency workers sought to counter spring flooding Wednesday in the northern Sakha republic.

More than 50 new houses were flooded in Srednekolimsk, a remote town of 3,525 people located on the left bank of the Kolyma River, 1,485 kilometers northeast of the regional capital, Yakutsk, RIA-Novosti reported.

The Emergency Situations Ministry dispatched several helicopters to carry out urgent works in the area, including dropping explosives to destroy ice on the river and allow the resumption of the flow of water.

The ministry said earlier that more than 120 houses belonging to 387 people, including 126 children, have been flooded in the diamond-producing region since the flooding began last week.

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