

130,000 Children Go Back to Schools in Flood-Hit Khabarovsk

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A flooded street in Khabarovsk, which has seen its worst floods in 120 years.

KHABAROVSK — More than 130,000 children in the Khabarovsk region attended schools on Monday despite the ongoing state of emergency caused by devastating floods, a local official said.

Over 50 towns and villages are flooded across the far eastern region and some 1,800 residential buildings have been affected.

"In all, some 133,200 schoolchildren across the territory took their seats at school," said Pavel Sarychev, an aide to the region's governor.

The official added that only three schools out of 383 located in the Khabarovsk Territory did not open for the new school year.

Local meteorologists said Monday that water levels of the Amur River near the city

of Khabarovsk stood at 797 centimeters and may reach a peak level of some 830 centimeters by Thursday.

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