

Flash Floods Cause Major Power Outage in Far East Russia

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Heavy rain in Vladivostok. **Anton Ivanov / TASS**

Flash floods have struck Far East Russia's Primorye region for the second time this month, causing major power outages in the territory's administrative center of Vladivostok on Friday.

A total of 70,000 out of the 600,000 residents of Vladivostok were left without electricity over an eight-hour period, [said](#) the Primorye region's prosecutor's office.

It was reported that two weeks' worth of precipitation fell in just a few hours of rainfall.

Footage shared by Vladivostok's Newsvl.ru news website [showed](#) extensive flooding, as well as damaged infrastructure and residential homes. Roads, parking lots and bridges were seen overflowing with water.

A preliminary investigation was [launched](#) into a damaged bridge.

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The floods were [partly caused](#) by the soil soaking up rainwater from heavy rains earlier this month, according to Newsvl.ru.

Primorye region Governor Oleg Kozhemyako [asked](#) employers to cut the workday short and let workers leave early.

Prosecutors [said](#) kindergarteners have been evacuated from some flood-prone areas.

The Primorye region was [hit](#) by tropical storm Khanun earlier in August, causing a deadly dam burst and triggering evacuations.

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