

# Powerful Storm Pummels Russia's Far East

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Flooding on Friday in Sakhalin. **Sakh.online / Telegram**

A powerful storm flooded and knocked out power in households in Far East Russia's Sakhalin region, authorities [said](#) Friday.

Video shared on social media [showed](#) heavy rains and flooding in the region's largest city of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk.

More than 5,000 residents were left without electricity after emergency crews restored power for 13,500 people, [according](#) to the Sakhalin region's administration.

There were no casualties, the Sakhalin region's emergency situations ministry [said](#).

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Governor Valery Limarenko imposed a city-wide state of emergency and additional crews were dispatched to deal with the flooding.

Regional emergency officials [forecast](#) further flooding in parts of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk into Friday evening.

Russia's Far East regions have faced intense storms in recent months, with scientists saying that the onset of El Nino, a climate pattern that warms sea surface temperatures, is likely contributing to more powerful storms.

The Primorye region, which had for weeks been under a region-wide state of emergency due to [flooding](#) caused by typhoons, was hit particularly hard in September and August.

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