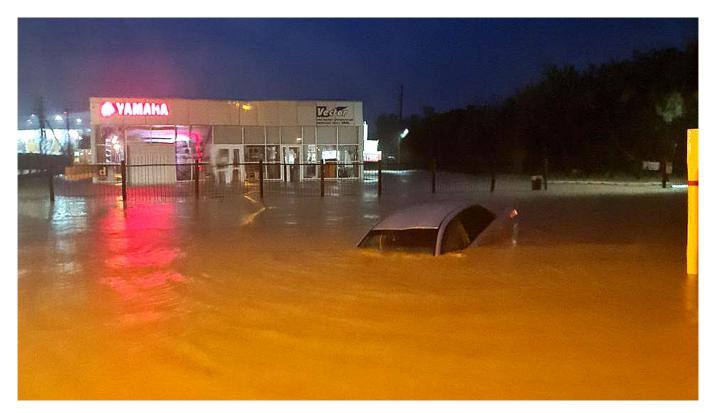


Powerful Storm Pummels Russia's Far East

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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 <u>said</u> Friday.

Video shared on social media<u>showed</u> 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, <u>according</u> 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 <u>forecast</u> 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 <u>flooding</u> caused by typhoons, was hit particularly hard in September and August.

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