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In Photos: Russia's Orenburg Region Hit With Worst Flooding in Decades

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Russia declared a state of emergency in the Orenburg region as it grappled with the worst flooding in decades, with further flooding expected both in Orenburg and in western Siberia's Kurgan and Tyumen regions. The Ural River overran its banks in the town of Orsk over the weekend after torrential rain burst a nearby dam, leaving the city submerged in water and forcing thousands from their homes. Downstream, Kazakhstan is also experiencing some of its worst floods in decades. Emergency services warned that the combination of rain and snow melt amid unusually warm temperatures could cause more rivers to overflow, with flooding expected to peak in some cities on Wednesday. Rescuers have headed to the region to assist in flooded areas and are preparing for worse to come. Here are some photos of the flooding and rescue efforts in Orsk and Orenburg:



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