

In Photos: Orenburg Flooding Peaks as 'Colossal' Waters Rise in Neighboring Regions

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Ten days after the Ural River burst a dam in the city of Orsk and forced the evacuation of thousands, historic flooding continues to threaten Russia's southern Urals and western Siberia as well as the neighboring country of Kazakhstan. A combination of heavy rainfall and an unusually warm spring has led to dams bursting and rivers overflowing their banks across the area. In the Kurgan region which neighbors the Orenburg region, Governor Vadim Shumkov said Monday that a “colossal” amount of water was expected to engulf the regional capital. Here is a look at photos from Orenburg, where officials say water levels have peaked and should start to recede early this week:



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