

Critical Inundation Causes 15 Lives in Indonesia

January is usually the rainiest month of the year in Jakarta. However, unusually heavy monsoon rains have caused critical flooding that, as of mid-January, had paralyzed large parts of the political and economic capital. Large amount of water has invaded the city's central district, closing schools and offices. In the city of Jakarta, about 95,000 people were affected while 19,000 people have relocated to safer areas. So far the death toll has reached 15, and the authorities have announced a state of emergency to allow emergency response and the use of rescue sources.

Although the situation in the city center has improved, still more heavy rainfall is expected in the following days, as the city government has confirmed.