

## **Flooding in Jakarta Displaces Thousands Amid Continuing Rain**

Torrential rains that have continued in Jakarta in recent days widened the number of flooded areas on Sunday (1/19), forcing at least 20,000 people to evacuate their homes over the weekend. The first significant flooding of the rainy season hit the capital of nine million people last week. Since then at least five people have died from drowning or electrocution and two others have succumbed to illness resulting from the floods. The flooding has affected more than 48,000 people in Jakarta and increased the number of displaced. At least 31,000 people are currently taking refuge at temporary shelters built by the authorities, municipal buildings, schools or mosques.