

Severe snowfall hits Japan

The heaviest snow in decades in Tokyo and other areas of Japan has left at least 11 dead and more than 1,200 injured across the country. As much as 27 centimeters (10.6 inches) of snow was recorded in Tokyo by late Saturday (2/8), the heaviest fall in the capital for 45 years. As a depression moved along the Pacific coast Saturday, the northeastern city of Sendai saw 35 centimeters (13.8 inches) of snow, the heaviest in 78 years. At least 1,253 people were injured across the nation. More than 20,000 households were without electricity early Sunday (2/9) while airlines cancelled more than 400 domestic flights a day after over 740 flights were grounded.