

Chilean Officials Declare Snow Catastrophe

Chilean officials have declared “catastrophe” in eight municipalities after heavy snow covered communities and isolated them from the outside. Up to Wednesday, July 20, authorities have sent the country’s military and public works officials to help the city of Lonquimay, where snow was reported to have piled more than 2.3 meters and over 6,500 people remained isolated. Considering the intensity of the snowstorm, more snowfall and critical weather fronts were expected as the meteorologists warned about the coming of new snowstorms. The “white earthquake” as compared by the interior minister, was testing the emergency responding capacity of the legal system.