

Fatal Rainstorm Struck Chinese Capital of Beijing

The heaviest rainstorm in six decades knocked the Chinese capital of Beijing with enormous impacts.

The torrential downpour lasted for 10 hours, paralyzing traffic throughout the city. Heavy rainfall also triggered inundation with water levels reaching 13 feet at some points, leaving numerous drivers and pedestrians stranded in flooded streets. According to the officials, the occurrence had affected almost 2 million residents, among which, 37 people had been confirmed dead. Furthermore, economic losses were estimated to exceed 1.5 billion dollars.

Despite the personnel of thousands called on for emergency response, critical comments on ill-prepared government, fragile infrastructure, and failure of deploying the emergency broadcast system could still be heard.