

Assam Flood Toll Rises To 122
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GUWAHATI, (Assam), July 9 (Bernama) -- The flood situation in Assam remains grim with the death toll rising to 122 and large scale destruction of infrastructure, cropland and wildlife reported from different parts of the state.

Official sources said 106 deaths had been reported so far due to floods and 16 were killed in landslides while another 16 were missing, Press Trust of India reported.

Though the Brahmaputra river and its tributaries were maintaining a receding trend, vast tracts of land were still inundated in 27 of the affected districts, the sources said.

An estimated 2.2 million population has been affected in the worst ever flood in recent years, causing large scale devastation in 2,809 villages with more than 255,000 hectares of cropland completely inundated.

About 50 per cent of crops in the agriculture sector were lost in flood affected districts.

The flood has also caused large-scale destruction in the world-famed Kaziranga National Park where more than 560 animals, including 14 rhinos, have perished.

The situation in the world's largest river island Majuli in Jorhat district was grim with almost the entire island under water.

Assam governor J B Patnaik had reviewed the flood situation in Kamrup, Darrang, Sonitpur and Nagaon and Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi had visited the severely affected Barpeta district.

Road services have been affected in 2,847 places, while rail tracks damaged by landslides in the Lumding-Badarpur Railway division were yet to be restored.

Sources said an estimated 500,000 people have taken shelter in 630 relief camps and 150 medical teams have been deployed to provide medical aid, while 30 camps have been set up for cattle.

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