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Iran: Floods

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The situation

Torrential rains have caused flash flooding and landslides in more than 40 towns and villages in six provinces of Azerbaijane-Gharbi, Azerbaijane-Sharghi, Kordestan, Zanjan, Mazandaran and Ardebil in Iran's northwest on Saturday, killing at least 42 people according to the National Crisis Management Organization.

these provinces flooded houses and swept away cars after rivers burst their banks. According to the official reports, two counties of Ajabshir and Azarshahr in Azerbaijane-Sharghi province were mostly affected.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Crescent Relief and Rescue Organisation of the Iranian Red Crescent Society reported that around 1,860 people have benefited from the relief and rescue services, and 288 people were provided with emergency sheltering following torrential rains and flooding that began on Friday.

Water has been pumped out of 179 residential units and operations for the recovery of 40 trapped cars in floods have been successful in various areas. In

addition, 15 people had also been transferred to safe areas, and seven were taken to medical centres to receive the needed services. Five people are still missing in the floods.

A total of 80 operational teams including 380 relief workers and rescuers were mobilized for during operations. In addition to the rescue operations, they have set up 30 relief tents, and distributed 200 blankets, 1,000 tins of canned food, 20 kilograms of dates, and 700 bottles of mineral water to the most affected population.





Iran's Minister of Energy and President Representative Hamid Chitchian, Ismail Jabbarzadeh, the general governor of Azerbaijane-Sharghi and Morteza Salimi, visited flood-hit areas of Ajabshir and Azarshahr cities. Hamid Chitchian and Ismail Jabbarzadeh, each in a separate speech praised quick

and timely relief and rescue measures of the Iranian Red Crescent in the areas hit by the surging water.

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