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Description

In recent days, Rio Grande do Sul has suffered heavy rainfall. The recorded rainfall is equivalent to three times the average for this time of year, according to the National Institute of Meteorology (Inmet). The forecast is that the situation will continue until Saturday (4) with accumulations that could reach up to 400 millimeters, which would be added to the more than 300 millimeters of rain recorded in the last 4 days. In total, 154 of the 496 municipalities of RS have registered some type of problem, affecting 71,300 people.

The main regions affected by the floods are the Metropolitan, Central, Vale do Rio Pardo, Vale do Taquari and Serra Gaúcha. On Wednesday afternoon (1), the National Geological Survey issued a bulletin indicating a significant rise in the water level in the Taquari River basin at the end of the day. According to the report, in Muçum, the river could reach a level of 30 meters and 27 centimeters, with a flood level of 18 meters. In Estrela and Lajeado, the expected level is 30 meters and 95 centimeters, but there are already floods at 19 meters.

On Thursday morning (02/05), 30 sections of the federal highway were completely blocked due to disruption caused by the rain. Another section is partially blocked. On state highways, there are 91 points with total blockages. Another 23 sections have partially restricted traffic.

Civil Protection says that there are 60 missing and 36 injured. The Civil Defense estimates that there are about 14,800 homeless people, 4,645 in shelters and 10,242 displaced. In total, 154 of the 496 municipalities of RS registered some type of problem, which affected 71,300 people. The number of fatalities has increased to 32, and Civil Defense recorded 29 deaths as of Thursday (2). The other three deaths were confirmed by the municipalities, the Fire Department, the Military Police and local organizations.

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