

Death toll at 21 after floods, landslides hit Japan

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At least 21 people died and at least 20 are missing in flooding and landslides on Japan's Kyushu island after last week's rains, local governments reported.

A historic rainfall at the southern tip of Japan, beginning on Wednesday, prompted landslides and flooding. More than 2,000 members of Japan's Self-Defense Forces are working with firefighters, police and rescue workers in Fukuoka prefecture's Asakura area, one of the hardest-hit areas.

About 180 people, some elderly, were stranded by the flooding, and 1,700 were brought to evacuation centers.

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