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Flash floods leave nearly 70 people dead in Afghanistan

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Flash floods have left at least 70 people dead in northern and western Afghanistan, the government officials said Friday.

Dozens of others were missing and hundreds of homes were also damaged as flash floods swept through northern Jawzjan, Sar-e-Pul, Faryab and Badghis provinces.

Provincial police chief for northern Jawzjan province of Afghanistan, Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani confirmed that 35 people died due to flash floods in Khwajah Do-Koh, Qosh Tapa, Darzab and a number of other districts.

In the meantime, provincial governor for Jawzjan province Bhai Murad said at least 46 people were killed following flash floods.

He said women and children were also among those killed, injured and missing.

Local officials in northern Faryab province of Afghanistan said at least 24 people lost their lives due to flash floods, and around 500 homes were damaged while several others were missing.

Meanwhile, officials in western Badghis province of Afghanistan said at least eight people have lost their due to flash floods in this province.

Mahsab Hamidi, provincial Natural Disasters Management Authority head for Badghis province confirmed that eight people died and nearly 200 shops were destroyed after flash floods swept through Qala-e-Naw city.