

## **Southern Africa hit by floods**

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The rainy season in southern Africa is November to March and the rains in 2008/2009 have been heavy. As a result there are reports of flooding from across the region. Namibia has declared a state of emergency with the worst floods for decades seriously affecting the northern part of the country and nearly 100 people have lost their lives due to flooding.

Parts of Angola, Zambia, Malawi, and South Africa are also affected. As the swollen rivers make their way toward the Indian or Atlantic oceans more flooding may occur. The forecast is for above average rainfall for March.

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