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20 Heartbreaking Photos Of The Deadly Floods In Serbia, Bosnia

Severe flooding has prompted the evacuation of tens of thousands of people and left dozens dead. The number of people impacted by the high water is expected to be much larger.

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1. Severe flooding across the Balkans has forced tens of thousands to evacuate and has already left more than 35 people dead.

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Obrenovac, Serbia, on Sunday, May 18. Serbia ordered the evacuation Monday in towns along the raging Sava River, which has been overflowing.

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2. Rescue efforts have been hampered by concerns that land mines from the Bosnian War could surface in mudslides, putting those involved in the search efforts at risk.

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3. "There are reports that land mines buried during the conflict and not yet removed are in some instances being shifted with the landslides, adding [to] the dangers of people living in the areas, as well as rescuers," the Red Cross said.

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4. At least 11 bodies have been recovered in Obrenovac, about 21 miles from the capital of Serbia, Belgrade, the government said Sunday evening.

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One of the 11 was someone who had already died "of natural causes," according to a government statement.

5. At least 12 people are dead in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Deputy Minister of Security Samir Agic said.

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6. The toll is likely to rise even higher, officials warned.

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7. The flooding is the worst Serbia has seen in the last 120 years since the country started keeping records.

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8. At least 14,500 people in Serbia have been evacuated, the Red Cross said Sunday.

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9. People wait for transportation during evacuation from Obrenovac, Serbia.

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10. The flood waters triggered *over* 3,000 landslides in the region, the Associated Press reported.

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Many people wouldn't leave their homes or apartments, one rescuer told Reuters.

11. "Some people simply do not want to leave their homes," Nevica Biorac, a volunteer from a rafting club in Raska, said. "We are trying to convince them to leave, but it's very difficult."

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Russian rescue team members repair boats during flood evacuation from Obrenovac, Serbia, on Saturday, May 17.

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12. Water in many places was chest high as rescuers shouted to people in buildings who were still stranded.

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13. Authorities organized a helicopter airlift to get families to safety as the rising water inundated their homes. Many people were lifted from rooftops.

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Serbian police an aren here carrying an old man from a military helicopter during flood evacuation from Obrenovac on Saturday, May 17.

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14. A state of emergency was declared in neighboring nation Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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15. The cities of Orasje and Brcko in northeast Bosnia, where the Sava River forms a border with Croatia, were ordered to be evacuated.

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Paramedics help an old woman during evacuation from Obrenovac.

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16. In Croatia, areas in the east along the river were also flooded.

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17. Rescuers in the hard-hit town of Obrenovac have recovered the first bodies of flood victims and there is concern over how many may eventually be found once waters subside.

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18. The floods and landslides also raised concerns over the estimated 1 million land mines planted during the Bosnia war between 1992 and 1995.

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Nearly 120,000 of the unexploded devices remain in carefully marked minefields, but the weather toppled warning signs and even shifted the mines themselves.

19. More than 10,000 troops have been involved in rescue operations so far, Finance Minister Dusan Vujovic said.

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20. More rising waters are expected Sunday evening near Sabac, a city in western Serbia along the Sava River.

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