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South Africa: Eastern provinces: Plan journeys accounting for disruption until 15 February due to heavy rain, flooding

OVERVIEW




Level:

Notice




Location:

KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and Mpumalanga provinces - South Africa



Category:

Storm, Flood, Road disruption, Infrastructure outage



Active:

12 Feb 2021 - 16 Feb 2021

Last Updated: 12 Feb 2021 13:32 (GMT)

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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Durban	0	0	3	3
TOTAL	0	0	3	3

EXPOSURE BY COUNTRY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
South Africa (Medium Risk)	8	9	12	14

Plan journeys accounting for disruption after the South African Weather Service (SAWS) issued a yellow warning (second-lowest on a four-tier scale) for heavy rainfall and possible flooding for parts of Kwazulu-Natal, Limpopo and Mpumalanga provinces **from 12 February until at least 15 February**. Such weather conditions are likely to exacerbate ongoing disruption to roads and essential services in areas still recovering from the aftermath of Tropical Storm Eloise. Reconfirm the status of routes before setting out.

MORE DETAIL

Weather-related disruption can be expected to continue in South Africa throughout the cyclone season, which typically runs **until the end of April**. Parts of South Africa, including Kwazulu-Natal, Limpopo and Mpumalanga, were recently devastated by Tropical Storm Eloise. The storm caused severe damage in South Africa, particularly in areas with fragile infrastructure. At least eight people were killed in Kwazulu-Natal in weather-related incidents during the storm. In addition, the remnants of Eloise displaced hundreds of people and destroyed dozens of residences and buildings.

Drainage infrastructure remains poor in some parts of South Africa. Therefore, heavy rains can cause significant flooding in low-lying areas and possible disruption to utilities, such as telecommunications, water and electricity. Furthermore, adverse weather conditions may cause some roads to become impassable and force the authorities to suspend movement on key routes.

WHAT WE ADVISED YOUR PEOPLE

Monitor the SAWS [website](#) for information on prevailing weather conditions. Be prepared to adjust itineraries accordingly.

Roads in affected provinces may be flooded. Reconfirm the status of routes before setting out and allow additional time to complete journeys. Liaise with local contacts to ascertain the feasibility of specific journeys. Avoid low-lying areas due to the potential risk of flash floods and landslides. Do not drive through flooded areas. If you see a flooded road ahead, turn around and find another route to your destination.

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