

# Severe flooding in Brazil and Australia: the number of victims grows

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- In Brazil with every hour the growing number of victims from the natural disaster. According to the latest data, as a result of severe floods killed more than 500 people. The hardest hit Northern parts of the country. While in Australia the high water began to decline. The authorities have already counted the losses. According to preliminary data were killed 25 people in the country. 55 still listed as missing.



Floods and related landslides in the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro is already being called the largest natural disaster in the history of the country. In the region of emergency. What is happening in the mountain areas, other than a disaster not be called. The list of victims is growing with every passing hour. Under tons of mud and stones were lost already more than 500 people. But consider only those who have found and got out from under the rubble. How many bodies still under the thick layer of clay, does not undertake to predict anybody. So that the salvation of each life here can be called a miracle.



- To search-and-rescue operations joined the army and hundreds of volunteers. Exploration from the air led helicopters of the Brazilian Navy, and on the ground involved heavy equipment. But in most cases we have to work with shovels or bare hands.

"Half past three in the morning with the top of the hill here came the crunch. People called for help, and fled, but there was nothing we could do about it. Water and dirt was too much. I live here for 20 years and never seen anything like this," told one of the eyewitnesses of the tragedy.

For the country's new President ДИЛМА РУСЕФФ of this cataclysm has become a sort of test. She went to the area of distress, looking at the flushed face of the ground areas. And then communicated with the journalists and said that he personally will monitor the work of the crisis staff.

"We will work in close connection with the state government and the municipalities. Our task now is to save as many people as possible and to take a look at the restoration of the territory. Besides it is necessary to take preventive measures, to protect it from the descent of landslips other areas," said Dilma РУСЕФФ, the President of Brazil.





Were all left without shelter more than 15 thousand people. Them, as well as those who were saved, housed in a specially-equipped shelters.

"This, of course, better than sleeping in the mud. What is happening now does not fit in my head. It's like the war in Vietnam!" - explained Альбертино Lazaro, the victim.

With the post-war compare now and the situation in Australia, which is only beginning to come to himself after the terrible floods in the history of the continent. Element let slowly, but all the same the beginning of their positions. The water level in the river Brisbane is gradually decreasing. However, the lower part of the city is still flooded. Completely disappeared under the water almost 12 thousand houses. Another 15 thousand corrupted. After the disaster of such scale the country will, of course, long months of recovery.

