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Argentina: Dozens killed in La Plata flooding

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USPA News - At least 40 people were confirmed dead after heavy rainfall caused deadly flooding in Argentina, officials said Wednesday. The rainstorm began Tuesday evening in La Plata, the provincial capital of Buenos Aires, which is located in eastern Argentina, forcing local residents to seek refuge in their own vehicles, on their rooftops and on trees.

Provincial authorities on Wednesday morning initially said two people had been killed, but the governor of the province of Buenos Aires, Daniel Scioli, later spoke to the press, saying at least 35 had lost their lives, but sources later said at least 40 had died in the floods. Over 2,000 people evacuated the area, where the neighborhoods of Villa Elvira and Los Hornos were reported as the most affected. However, residents have complained of little assistance from emergency teams, as many of them evacuated themselves after hours of waiting for aid. Several building and residential areas were damaged and affected, but details were not immediately available.

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