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Hurricanes

Hurricane George, which has been **sweeping** across the Atlantic for the last few days, struck the coastal areas of Jaha shortly before dawn, with winds of up to 170 miles an hour. The **battering gales** are said to be moving inland, causing widespread damage and devastation. As the hurricane-force winds cut a **swath** across the country, they are leaving behind a trail of destruction, downed power lines and telephone poles, torn off roofs and uprooted trees. The fishing fleet was totally destroyed as the winds **ripped** boats from their **moorings** and tossed them on shore.

Huge seas heavily **inundated** populated areas of the coastal plains, wiping out several settlements. Coastal town residents have **sought refuge** in stone-built churches, and on higher ground. So far the violent hurricane has left one hundred dead in its wake. The death toll is still climbing as more and more bodies are recovered from under collapsed buildings. Five hundred people are reported missing, and are **presumed** dead, having been swept away by flood waters. The casualty list and the damage statistics are still incomplete and will probably **soar** as communication links with affected areas are restored.

As hardly a house in the area still has a roof, the President has declared the state of emergency. Residents are in desperate need of food and shelter. The authorities ordered the evacuation of people from the capital, although it is hoped that by the time the hurricane reaches that city, it will have **downgraded** to a tropical storm. If so, the city will survive relatively **unscathed**. However, what has not already been **flattened** by the winds is still likely to be severely damaged by mudslides and floods caused by the accompanying **torrential** rain. Judging by the devastation, Hurricane George is likely to be the deadliest storm on record.

- zostawić odnotowaniyu - *be o... r...*
- sadzić po zniszczeniu - *j... b... the d...*
- wydać rozkaz ewakuacji - *o... e...*
- ogłosić stan kłęski żywiołowy - *a s... of e...*
- przywrócić funkcję - *r... c...*
- niepełne dane - *i... s...*
- zostawić za sobą - *l... sth in one's w...*
- zostawić zniszczenia - *l... a t... of d...*
- zmieścić osadę z powierzchnią ziemi - *w... o... a s...*
- zerwać linie wysokiego napięcia - *d... p... l...*
- spowodować szkody i zniszczenia - *c... d... and d...*

Complete the following phrases. Each line stands for one word.

Phrases to learn

6. What other destructive elements have caused damage and casualties?
5. Why is the number of dead unknown?
4. How could one save one's life?
3. What caused the flooding of coastal areas?
2. Could the destruction of the fleet have been prevented?
1. How destructive were the winds?

Answer the following questions.

Reading comprehension

- mooring n** (place where a ship is secured) - miejsce do cumowania
inundate v (flood, cover with water) - zalać
seek refuge (look for shelter, run away to a safe place) - szukać schronienia
presume v (suppose to be true) - przypuszczać
sweep u (go up quickly) - iść szybko w góre
downgrade v (reduce) - zmalec, zmniejszyć się
unscathed adj (untouched, undisturbed) - nietkniet, bez uszczerbku
flatten u (make flat, flatten) - spłaszczyć, zrównać z powierzchnią ziemi
torrential adj (pouring) - (o deszczu) ulewny, gwałtowny
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Headline

Rearrange the words to form the headline to the report

100 • OVER • DEADLY • JAHAR • STRIKES • KILLING • GEORGE

Translation practice

Huragan, który w ciągu ostatnich dni przechodził nad Atlantykiem, dotarł dziś rano do wybrzeży Jaharu. Według doniesień prasowych, wichura przesuwa się w głąb lądu powodując duże zniszczenia. Huragan pozrywał linie wysokiego napięcia i dachy, powyrywał drzewa i słupy telefoniczne. Wzburzone morze założały przybrzeżne osady. Ludność szuka schronienia w kościołach i na wyżej położonych terenach. Liczba ofiar śmiertelnych rośnie. Ogłoszono stan klęski żywiołowej. Władze miasta zarządziły ewakuację ludności ze stolicy, choć przypuszcza się, że huragan znacznie osłabnie zanim dotrze do miasta. Istnieje nadzieję, że stolica nie ulegnie dewastacji. Sądząc po rozmiarach zniszczeń, huragan George może być uznany za najgroźniejszy ze wszystkich, jakie do tej pory odnotowano.

Discussion topics

1. What kind of precautions can people take against the onslaught of a hurricane if they are told long enough in advance?
 2. What makes a hurricane so formidable? What devastating elements accompany it?
 3. A hurricane forms a natural phenomenon known as “the eye of the storm”. Can you guess what it is?
 4. What would you do if you knew that you lived in a region plagued by hurricanes and typhoons? How would you protect your house and family?