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Japanese Floods

Japan - where a surging tide of flood waters covers the Island of Kiushu - following days of torrential rain. The waters - (sometimes ten feet deep) - invaded homes in town and village alike - leaving desolation in ~~the~~<sup>their</sup> wake. Whole villages have disappeared, five thousand houses destroyed and half-a-million made homeless.

~~The~~<sup>Japan's</sup> worst floods of the century <sup>in which</sup> -/six hundred people have lost their lives. But help is at hand. A Japanese Government spokesman has thanked British Commonwealth Forces for their timely help... Sleeping bags, blankets and clothes have been rushed to the ~~unfortunate~~ victims, who, (stunned by the disaster) gaze pitifully at the sodden wrecks that were once, their homes.

~~Investiture~~ Investiture

London - where at Buckingham Palace, the Duke of Gloucester (as Grand Prior <sup>of the Order of St John -</sup>) held an investiture of the Order, ~~of St. John~~.

Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin received a Vellum Vote of Thanks - while the Duke of Norfolk was created a Knight of the Order.

The same signal honour, too, for Sir Rupert de la Bere, London's Lord Mayor.