

Germany and Austria-Floods along the Danube-

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Upper Bavaria--- This is the tragic aftermath of 60 hours of incessant rain- the flooded countryside bound Rosenheim- about 30 miles SE of Munich.

Flying in a helicopter over the inundated valleys, we see how the Danube, Inn, and ten smaller rivers swept over their banks, completely isolating farms and homesteads over a wide area.

While ~~though~~ heroic rescue work continued, with the water almost half way up the houses, and the coldest July temperatures in living memory, life in Rosenheim became ~~a nightmare of suspense~~.

Wooden piles at the Mangfall River Bridge were loosened to prevent the bridge's collapse.

In Austria alone, 130 bridges have been destroyed, and many houses washed away. ^{VIENNA ITSELF IS THREATENED} in the most ~~devastating~~ devastating Danube floods for 400 years.