

Floods in Tunisia

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Tunisia: Torrential rain, striking with tropical fury, turned ~~the~~ ^{WIDE AREAS} ~~of the~~ countryside, west of Tunis - into a raging sea - causing the worst flooding in living memory.

In a matter of minutes, main highways became swift-flowing rivers - ~~endangering the~~

endangering the lives of British pilgrims - journeying to the unveiling of the new British War Memorial - at Medjez-el-Bab...

To many of the pilgrims - veterans of the First Army - it was a heart-breaking return - digging out their transport in terrain - where they had fought the final bitter battle ^{FOR TUNIS -} ~~that led to the capture of Tunis,~~ in World War Two.

The floods ~~claimed~~ ^{CLAIMED} eight victims: but fortunately, the British visitors (including many women) were rescued. Though some had to return to ~~England~~ Britain without attending the post-poned ~~unveiling~~ ceremony.