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HURRICANE JANET

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Flood and famine -- desolation and disaster are all that remain in Tampico, Mexico, after Hurricane Janet roared in from the Gulf, paused and roared on.

Flooded by torrential rains, rivers overflow turning the big northeast coast city into a vast lake, where each flooded home marks a tragedy.

Sixty thousand -- three fourths the population -- are homeless.

Except for thirty-six blocks, every street is flooded. Electricity is out, drinking water nearly exhausted, food low.

Wherever they can, the victims seek shelter and food -- brought by American planes.

Tiny refugees cling to the only security they know as they await evacuation by U.S. Navy helicopters.

The living search for the dead -- numbered in the hundreds in the worst disaster in Tampico's history.