

Storm dumps heaviest rain ever recorded on United Arab Emirates

Authorities deployed tankers to pump away the water, but the lack of regular rainfall means many roads lack proper drainage.

The United Arab Emirates has been inundated with heavy rain, with major highways flooded and flights disrupted at Dubai International airport.

Local media described the precipitation as a “historic weather event”, saying the amount of rain recorded surpassed anything documented since data collection started in 1949.

Rain is unusual in the UAE but does occur periodically during the cooler winter months. Many roads and other areas lack drainage given the lack of regular rainfall.

In the latest storm, Dubai reported 142mm of rain in a single day - the same amount the city typically expects in 18 months.

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