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On Dec. 1, the government declared a state of emergency in San Pedro Sula, and the surrounding region in northern Honduras. Torrential rains, expected to continue through Dec. 3, had left 13 people dead or missing, and 20,000 homeless. Airline flights in and out of the international airport at San Pedro Sula have been cancelled. The region impacted by flooding accounts for 40% of the country's GDP. Last month, 70,000 people were rendered homeless by flooding that caused \$100 million in damages on the country's northern coast. The US, France, Taiwan, Germany and Japan have responded to Tegucigalpa's requests for aid. (Basic data from AFP, 12/01/90)

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