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OBAMA DECLARES 'MAJOR DISASTER' IN WAKE OF SUPERSTORM

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A fleet of New York's famous yellow cabs are stranded after Superstorm Sandy flooded subway tunnels and the financial district. Seven million homes were without power

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ESWEATHER

TOMORROW

Wind speed (mph): 00
Temp (°C): 00
Seas: Calm
Slight
Moderate
Rough

LONDON TONIGHT
A largely dry day, but turning cloudier. Max 7C, min 4C

TOMORROW
Cloudy with spells of rain expected. Max 12C, min 6C

THURSDAY
Early rain clearing to sun and showers. Max 8C, min 2C

FRIDAY
Cloudy and breezy, with some showers. Max 10C, min 2C

SATURDAY
Mainly dry with spells of sunshine. Max 11C, min 5C

SUNDAY
Sunny spells with the chance of a shower. Max 10C, min 4C

LIGHTS
Sunset & lighting-up: 4.37pm, rises 6.52am
Moon rise: 4.48pm, sets 7.31am
High water: London Bridge 1.48am (6.9m), 2.03pm (7.0m), Dover 11.03am (6.6m), 11.24pm (6.6m).

AIR QUALITY

Nitrogen Dioxide: Yesterday: 111 ppb. Forecast: Low. (Calculated on parts per billion. Less than 150 = Low; 150-299 = Moderate; 300+ = High)
Air Pollution: Yesterday: 3. Forecast: Low. (1-3 = Low; 4-6 = Moderate; 7-9 = High; 10 = Very High)
Fine Particles: Yesterday: 30ug/m³. Forecast: Low. (Calculated on micrograms per cubic metre. Less than 50 = Low; 50-74 = Moderate; 75+ = High)

WORLD

Alicante	19	r	Dubai	32	s	Madeira	26	th	Prague	3	c
Athens	22	s	Dublin	9	c	Majorca	20	sh	Reykjavik	1	s
Bahrain	32	s	Faro	19	r	Malaga	17	r	Rio de Janeiro	36	s
Bangkok	35	f	Geneva	8	f	Marrakesh	23	sh	Riyadh	29	s
Barbados	30	f	Helsinki	3	f	Mexico City	21	c	Rome	17	s
Barcelona	17	f	Hong Kong	25	th	Miami	22	s	San Francisco	18	c
Beijing	13	s	Honolulu	29	f	Mombasa	30	s	Seychelles	29	th
Berlin	7	r	Ibiza	22	sh	Moscow	0	sn	Singapore	31	th
Bermuda	26	th	Istanbul	22	s	Mumbai	34	s	St Petersburg	2	c
Buenos Aires	23	f	Jerusalem	29	s	New York	14	sh	Stockholm	6	sl
Cape Town	23	s	Kuala Lumpur	32	th	Nice	17	f	Sydney	23	f
Chicago	7	c	Las Palmas	28	r	Nicosia	28	s	Tel Aviv	30	s
Corfu	18	f	Los Angeles	25	s	Paris	11	c	Tokyo	17	f
Delhi	31	s	Luxor	34	s	Perth	21	f	Vancouver	13	r

New York like the

17 die as wall of water hits 800 mile stretch of East Coast

Tom Harper and Daniel Bates in New York

A FOURTEEN feet wall of water swept into Lower Manhattan today flooding the financial district and seven major subway tunnels as New York bore the brunt of Superstorm Sandy.

At least 17 people were killed and seven million left without power after Sandy first made landfall along the coast near Atlantic City.

It then smashed into boarded-up cities of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Boston, with stinging rain and gusts of more than 90mph.

Sandy threatens an 800-mile swathe of the US from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes in the Mid-West.

The record sea surge broke through a flood defence levee in northern New Jersey covering the towns of Moonachie, Little Ferry and Carlstadt with five feet of water and reviving memories of the New Orleans disaster.

New York mayor Michael Bloomberg said: "We knew that this was going to be a very dangerous storm and the storm has met our expectations. This is a once-in-a-long-time storm." But

'We knew this was going to be dangerous... the storm has met our expectations. This is a once-in-a-long-time storm'

Mayor Michael Bloomberg

some defiant New Yorkers ignored warnings to leave and jogged, pushed prams and took snapshots of the churning waters of New York Harbour.

As it made its way toward land, Sandy converged with a cold-weather system that turned into a fearsome superstorm, a monstrous hybrid consisting of rain, high wind and snow, earning the nickname Frankenstorm.

Forecasters warned of 20-foot waves crashing into the Chicago lakefront and three feet of snow in West Virginia.

Storm damage was projected at \$10 billion to \$20 billion, meaning it could prove to be one of the costliest natural disasters in US history.

President Obama declared a "major disaster" in New York as the city dealt with its worst crisis since 9/11.

In scenes reminiscent of a Hollywood disaster movie.

More than 200 patients had to be evacuated from a Manhattan hospital when the power failed and left some critically-ill people on battery-powered life support.

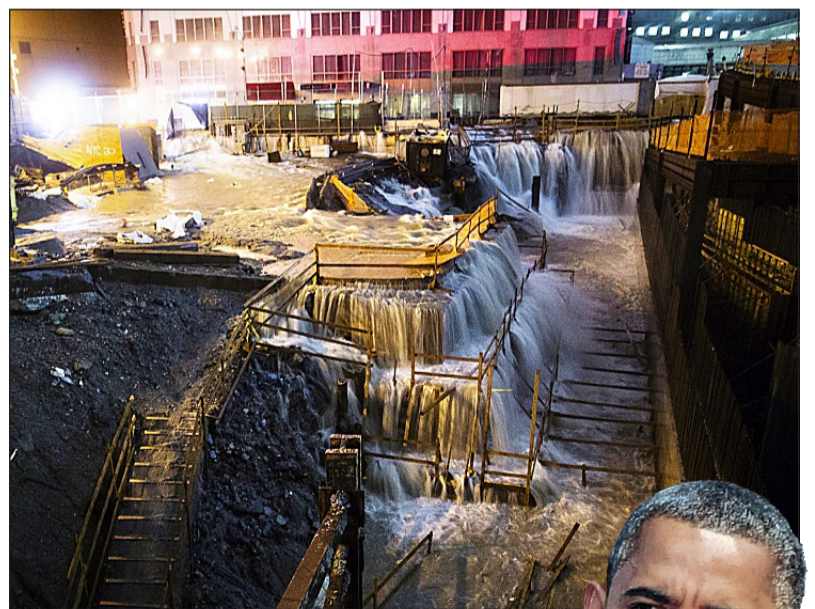
Firefighters waded through chest-deep water to save 70 people trapped in 50 burning houses in Queens.

A huge explosion inside a New York power station followed by two large bursts of blue light knocked out power to 250,000 residents.

America's oldest nuclear power station in New Jersey was put on alert after rising flood waters threatened the cool-



Carnage: water pours through New Jersey station, above, while a fire rages through Queens, below. Ground Zero, bottom, was also awash with storm waters



ing of its spent uranium fuel rods. More than 12,000 flights have been cancelled.

Superstorm Sandy caused panic with the emergency services receiving 20,000 calls per hour. A woman was electrocuted by falling wires in Manhattan, a 29-year-old man died in a car crash and a 30-year-old man was also killed when a tree fell

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Action: President Obama declared a "major disaster" in New York



set of Hollywood disaster movie



Swamped: buildings and cars flooded in East Village are shown on Flickr

on his house in Flushing, Queens. In New York state, Jack Baumler, 11, and Michael Robson, 13 were crushed to death by a falling tree in Westchester county. Deaths were reported in states including New Jersey, Maryland, North Carolina, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Two people were killed when their pick-up was crushed by a falling tree in New Jersey. Police in Toronto said a woman was killed by a falling sign as high winds closed in on Canada's

largest city. A 62-year-old man was killed as he let his dog out on his porch in Oley, Pennsylvania, and an eight-year-old boy died when he was hit by a falling tree in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

The Empire State Building was one of the few buildings in lower Manhattan to remain lit after the famous New York skyline was left in almost total darkness by sweeping power cuts.

The 14-foot tidal wave that crashed over Manhattan also forced the closure

of Holland Tunnel connecting New York to New Jersey, Battery Tunnel between Brooklyn and Manhattan, Brooklyn Bridge, George Washington Bridge and Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

"The New York City subway system is 108 years old, but it has never faced a disaster as devastating as what we experienced last night," said Joseph Lhota, chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. "Hurricane Sandy wreaked havoc on our entire

transportation system, in every borough and county of the region. It has brought down trees, ripped out power and inundated tunnels, rail yards and bus depots. We are committed to restoring the system as quickly as we can to help bring New York back to normal."

Dozens of ambulances queued up around the block to rescue 215 patients from the University Langone Medical Centre in midtown Manhattan after its back-up power generator failed. Wall

Street will remain closed today, the first time the New York Stock Exchange was closed for two consecutive days due to weather since 1888. The United Nations cancelled all meetings. In New Jersey, the Oyster Creek nuclear power station was put on alert after water levels at the plant leapt by more than 6.5 feet. Concerns over the status of the Fukushima disaster in Japan last year.