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News Brief

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Reuters is reporting that in South Africa's Eastern Cape, 49 people have died due to the severe flooding afflicting parts of the country.

Among the 49 dead, six were high school students whose school bus was swept away by the flood. According to a report given by Eastern Cape Premier Oscar Mabuyane, the bus was carrying 13 students and two adults. Four students are still missing.

Along with flooding, eastern South Africa is experiencing a cold front that is causing heavy snowfall. Last week, the South African Weather Service advised citizens that the temperature would drop, causing rain, wind and snow. The snow has caused fatal road accidents, road closures and power outages.

Five people were killed in an accident on the N2 highway. Sections of the highway, near the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Free State provinces, have been closed due to the abundant snowfall.

The Electricity Supply Commission said they are experiencing a high number of calls from citizens affected by the power outages. In response, more resources are being secured to try and restore power.

The weather forecast predicts that the snow will continue into the week.

Read more about the rain here [Reuters](#) and snow here [Reuters](#)