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havana, june 20, reuter -- following friday's and
saturday's torrential rains that left five persons dead and millions
of dollars in property damage, cuba's civil defense organisation
has decreed a +recovery stage+ as the threat of further rains
lessen.

during the two days of almost continuous rain, 50,000 persons
were evacuated to safe areas, almost half of them in the city of
havana. one hundred thousand head of cattle were also taken to
high ground, 85,000 of them in pinar del rio which suffered
heavy damage two weeks ago when hurricane alberto passed through
the province.
roads in pinar del rio, havana and matanzas provinces were
washed away during the rains, three bridges were destroyed and
large areas of farmland were flooded.
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the greatest damage occurred in the tourist and recreation areas of playa del este to the east of havana. juventud rebelde said today that the heavy erosion caused by the flooding of a small river can be expected to change the configuration of the popular white-sand beach.

the greatest downfall was recorded in the extreme western part of the island where 1700 mm of rain fell in a six hour period yesterday.

garbage service was restored today in havana after a two day lapse but the important havana bay tunnel was still flooded as pumps worked to ready it for monday's traffic.

although no official estimates of the damage have been given, one cuban official said it should run into many tens of millions of dollars.

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