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# Nature and future

One British environmentalist called Norman Meyers said that the impact of climate change intensified, the future affected people could climb up to 50 million by 2010.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a scientific body established in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), told that if global warming melts ice in poles, millions of people living in coasts will be displaced from there.

Achim Steiner, Executive Secretary of UNEP said "If we look at South Asia alone, the melting [glaciers would mean] tens of millions of people will have to leave their livelihoods. Where will they go? How will they impact on the host communities that receive them?"

The Indian Ocean tsunami displaced more than two million people, many of whom are still living in refugee camps in the region. . Hurricane Katrina caused about 1.5 million people to be displaced temporarily and an estimated 500,000 permanently

The 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees defines a refugee, sets out the rights of those granted asylum and the responsibilities of nations granting asylum.



The 75% of people living in vulnerable low-lying areas are in Asia.

# Homeless in Burkina Faso

Children were affected in severe way by rains in Ouagadougou, which may leave 550 homeless, and 50% of them were children. People affected are currently being sheltered in schools and community centers.

Gabriel Semde, the provincial director of the government ministry for social welfare and national solidarity said that some victims lost everything by the rain, and this is the beginning of the rainy season.

The National Committee for Emergency Aid and Rehabilitation (CONASUR) is supporting affected people. They sent food and tents and it is preparing to deliver more.

Burkina Faso was one of the West African countries hardest-hit by floods in 2007, with 83 people killed, 140,000 displaced and 26,800 houses destroyed.

The structure of this house was destroyed by heavy rains. It is expected to have more homeless on June.



Source: Irin news

# Chaitén volcano affects the South part of Argentina

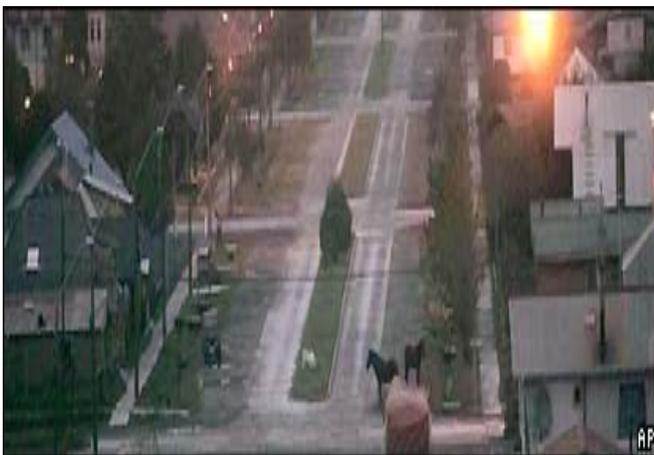
On the past 2 of May, Chaitén volcano erupted and caused several damages to local areas. This volcano is located in the Chileans south part, in Chaitén town, where at least 4000 people were evacuated.

Chaitén volcano had been inactive for 450 years. Authorities said that as they didn't had nothing clear about this volcano, they couldn't be able to predict how long would the ashes stay in the air.

The majority of people affected are sheltered in some near areas like "Puerto Mont"(Mont Port) and "Chiloe", some others went across the frontier and now stay in Argentina.

People in Argentina are suffering, because ashes flew across the Andes Mountains and started covering streets, houses and everything. People has extremely caution. They cannot stay long exposed to ashes, and everybody has to use chin-strap. Also there are roads which are now not able.

People from Chile don't know if the government is going to continue help them. They took them to the special centers, but didn't inform affected people what is going to happen with them.



Chaitén town is uninhabited now. Only the army is entering the zone in order to feed some animals.

The army is delivering food and health supplies.



Source: BBC news



#### Personal Comments:

Here we have another thing which tells everybody that things are not well. Nations are trying to act in a better way, but this not clear what methods are the best, considering the fact that factories have to continue manufacturing products, but doing it in a less polluting way. I invite everybody to think about what anyone would do if you had to host a refugee. Let's think about it, because we are exposed to receive a refugee...or be one refugee.



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