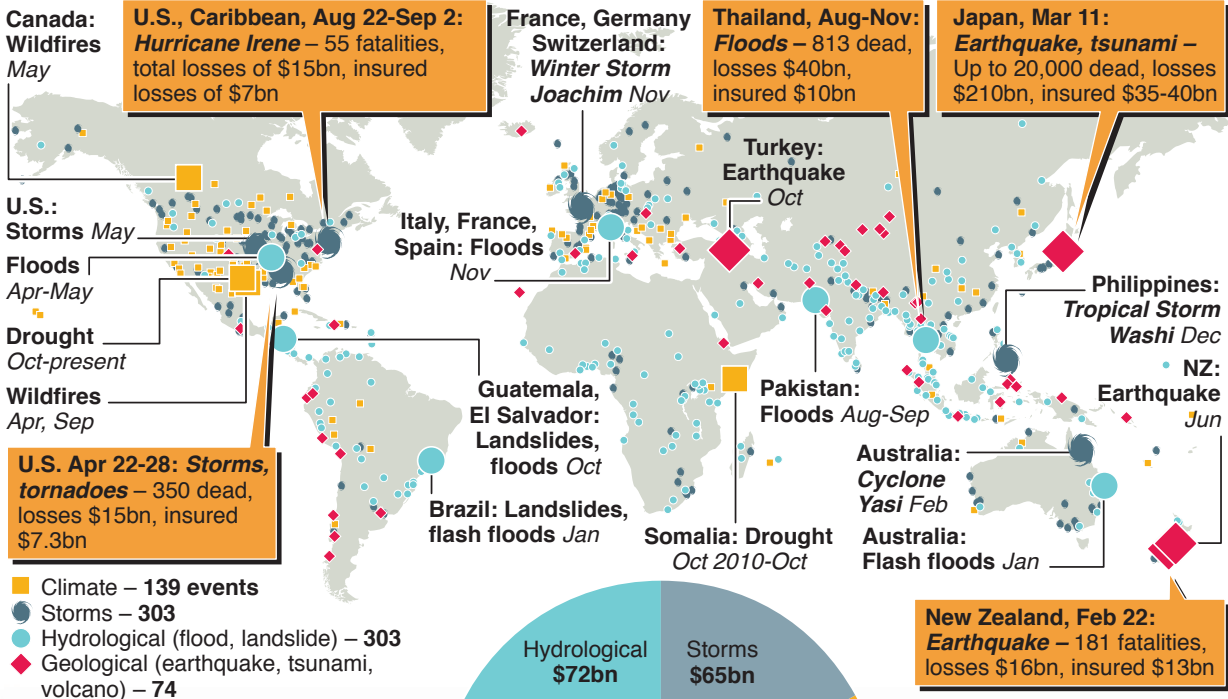


2011 costliest ever year for natural disasters

Devastating earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand, plus a number of extreme weather events, combined to cause over \$380 billion of economic losses in 2011 – almost two thirds more than the previous record year. Even before taking into account the Fukushima nuclear accident, Japan's earthquake and tsunami alone cost over \$210bn, making it the costliest natural catastrophe of all time

MAJOR LOSS EVENTS OF 2011



New Zealand, Feb 22: *Earthquake* – 181 fatalities, losses \$16bn, insured \$13bn

COST OF NATURAL DISASTERS 1980-2011 (\$bn 2011 values)

