




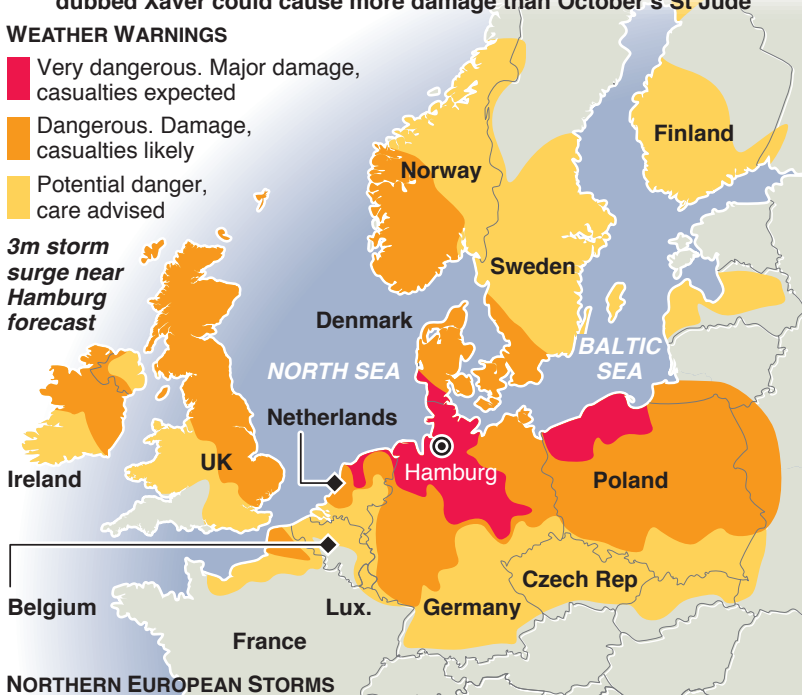
Extreme storm Xaver batters northern Europe

Hurricane force winds, storm surges and flooding are expected across northern Europe, with the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark and Poland particularly affected. With wind speeds of over 150km/h, the storm dubbed Xaver could cause more damage than October's St Jude

WEATHER WARNINGS

-  Very dangerous. Major damage, casualties expected
-  Dangerous. Damage, casualties likely
-  Potential danger, care advised

3m storm surge near Hamburg forecast



NORTHERN EUROPEAN STORMS

1953 North Sea	3m storm surge kills over 2,400 in Netherlands, Belgium, UK
1962 Vincinette	3.6m storm surge kills 340, the majority in Hamburg
1976 Capella	German dykes withstand 4.35m storm surge
1987 Great Storm	18 deaths, \$2bn damage in UK and France
1999 Anatol	146km/h winds leave 20 dead, \$2.6bn damage in Denmark
2013 St Jude	At least 17 deaths and €1.4bn worth of damage