

Fires, floods and quakes of 2025

From the fires that devastated Los Angeles to deadly earthquakes in Myanmar and Afghanistan, a selection of events recalls the tragic disasters that defined this year



Jan-Feb, U.S.

Los Angeles fires accrue \$40bn in insured losses – costliest-ever wildfire event globally



Jun-Aug, Europe

Study finds climate change responsible for estimated 16,500 heat-related deaths



Aug, Afghanistan

6.0 magnitude quake claims 2,000 lives and affects up to 1.3 million people



Jul, U.S.

Flash floods in Texas kill more than 130 people



Aug, Sudan

Landslide buries entire village, killing at least 500 residents



Mar, Myanmar

7.7 magnitude quake kills over 5,000 people



Oct, Caribbean

Hurricane Melissa – strongest storm of 2025 – leaves trail of destruction across Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba



Late 2025, Southeast Asia

Cyclone-induced flooding kills more than 1,000 people in Indonesia and 200 in Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia



Nov, Philippines

Twin typhoons kill at least 250 people and displace more than a million



May, Nigeria

At least 500 people die when heavy rainfall submerges market town of Mokwa



Nov-Dec, Sri Lanka

Death toll from Cyclone Ditwah exceeds 600



Sep, Asia

Estimated 36% of damage from Typhoon Ragasa in southern China is attributed to climate change