



NOTICE TO THE POPULATION

RISK OF FLOODING – PREVENTIVE MEASURES

I. SITUATION

The intense and persistent rainfall that has been recorded in Continental Portugal in recent days has caused a significant increase in the waterfall in the Mondego River.

According to the information from the Portuguese Environment Agency (APA), in the next few hours, a potentially dangerous hydrological situation is foreseen in the Mondego basin, with an impact on the following municipalities:

- Cantanhede;
- Coimbra;
- Condeixa-a-Nova;
- Figueira da Foz;
- Miranda do Corvo;
- Montemor-o-Velho;
- Soure.

Hydrological information at <https://apambiente.pt>

2. EXPECTABLE EFFECTS

The intense and persistent rainfall recorded in recent days and its accumulated effect, has caused water saturation of soils, the fragility of the marginal river structures and the rise of waterfalls in the Mondego River basin, expected to remain high in the next few hours, with a direct impact on the Historically vulnerable areas, especially on the slopes downstream of the Açude Bridge in Coimbra.

3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The National Emergency and Civil Protection Authority (ANEPC) recalls that the possible impact of these effects can be minimized, especially through the adoption of appropriate behaviours, therefore, and particularly in historically more vulnerable areas, it is recommended to adopt the main preventive measures for these situations, namely:

- **Ensure the unobstruction of rainwater drainage systems** and the removal of inerts and other objects that may be dragged away or create obstacles to the free flow of water;
- **Avoid any activity near water lines, especially in areas with history of flooding;**
- **Avoid parking vehicles in historically flooded areas;**





- **Do not cross flooded areas to prevent dragging people or vehicles into holes in the pavement or open sewage boxes;**
- **Remove animals, equipment, vehicles and/or other goods from normally flooded areas to safe locations;**
- Restrict as much as possible the movement of vehicles and people stuck in areas potentially affected by floods;
- Ensure proper fixing of loose structures that can be dragged by water (scaffolding, cupboards, suspended structures);
- Take special care when moving and staying near wooded areas close to water lines, due to the risk of falling branches and/or trees being swept away by the water;
- **Pay attention to meteorological information, the Portuguese Environment Agency and the indications of Civil Protection and Security Forces.**

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