

Yangtze to see first rainstorms this summer

Areas along the Yangtze, China's longest river, will soon be hit by the first round of heavy rainfall this flood season, authorities said.

According to a report published by the Yangtze flood control and drought relief headquarters Saturday night, the southern bank of the main stream of the river will receive moderate to heavy downpours and rainstorms, from May 30 to June 1.

The rain will mainly affect areas around the Wujiang River – the longest tributary on the southern bank of the upper reaches of Yangtze, and the Poyang and the Dongting – two large lakes on the southern bank of the middle reaches of Yangtze.

On May 30, Wujiang will see moderate to heavy rain. On May 31, Wujiang and the two lakes will see moderate to heavy rainfall or rainstorms. On June 1, the lakes will see heavy rainfall or severe rainstorms.

The headquarters asked the areas to strengthen flood control efforts, prevent disasters such as mountain torrents and landslides, and relocate affected people in a timely manner.