

## When the Waters Came

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It was nearly twenty years ago when I had written this. After one of my first photojournalistic assignments:

What does one photograph to depict a flood? A submerged house, a boat on a highway, people wading in water?

As we boated through the branches in Jinjira we found a wicker basket in a tree. The family had long since abandoned their home, and their worldly belongings, gathered in that basket, waited patiently for their home coming.

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The water was so high that it was impossible to walk through it. The people who were left behind were the ones who were not able to escape in time. They were the ones who were left behind.

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What is the solitary life of a person who has been rendered homeless by a natural disaster? What is the life of a person who has been rendered homeless by a natural disaster? What is the life of a person who has been rendered homeless by a natural disaster?

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What does this mean for the future? The answer is simple: the walls are crumbling and that a nation that  
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