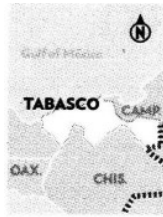


TABASCO

Rainfall made river levels rise



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SA - Rain-
fall record-
ed in Tabas-
co on Monday
has caused riv-
er water levels
to rise and low
temperatures

in the state, reported the National
Water Commission (CONAGUA).

CONAGUA indicates that riv-
ers such as the Tacotalpa, Pichucal-
co, Teapa and La Sierra in Tabas-
co's mountainous zone have ris-
en by 21, 20, 13 and 2 centimeters
respectively.

The Commission reported that
the rivers remain at sub-critical lev-
els between 3.02 and 7.49 meters.
The Grijalva river, that runs past
Villahermosa, rose by 4 centime-
ters to 2.84 meters but remains be-
low its maximum level.

Each year floods occur in Tabas-
co despite efforts of the state gov-
ernment to improve infrastructure.

In November this year flooding
in Tabasco was reported to have af-
fected at least 200,000 people. On
December 18, the state govern-
ment through the Economic De-
velopment Secretariat (SEDECO),
gave 36 million pesos in assistance
to 730 businesses affected by the
recent floods in the La Chontal-
pa zone.

The November outbreak of
dengue fever in the state was ex-
acerbated by the recent flooding.
However last Monday, the State
Health Secretariat reported that
its anti-dengue fever measures had
been effective, with recorded cases
dropping by 80 percent.

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