## **Ghat, the Libyan city, declared a disaster at all levels:**

The city of Ghat, which is located about 1,300 kilometers southwest of the Libyan capital, Tripoli, suffered from heavy rains, which hit the city from 3 - 7 / 6 / 2019 causing the worst floods ever due to its geographical location in a low area between Acacus and Tassili Mountains. The catastrophic floods devastated the whole neighborhoods forcing thousands of people to flee for their lives.

According to the official sources, the strong floods forced more than 2,500 people to leave their homes and killed 4 people, while 30 others reported either injured or missing.

The rising floodwaters caused huge material damage to several main roads and to Ghat Hospital; the only one in the city. The torrential rains cut off electricity and telecommunication networks, washed away homes and crops and killed livestock.

Due to this severe disaster, the approximate 30,000 inhabitants of Ghat city are now in need of humanitarian support. However, the actual numbers of victims and damage have not been defined yet.