

Mundakkai, India

Deadly landslides: The death toll from two huge landslides in Kerala last week has risen to more than 360. Triggered by heavy rain, the landslides struck late at night, submerging entire villages in mud. The district had recorded 300mm of rain in 24 hours – five times the daily average for the monsoon season. Climate change has been blamed for an uptick in landslides in the region, along with deforestation and rapid development on unstable terrain to accommodate a surge in tourism. The worst-hit village, Mundakkai, reportedly had almost 700 hotels and tourist lets.