

Guadalajara, Mexico Has Freak Hailstorm



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Freak summer hailstorm buries Mexican city under five feet of ice

A blanket of hail and ice-covered streets in the Mexican city of Guadalajara after a heavy storm hit the area on June 30.

It's summer in Guadalajara, one of Mexico's most populous towns, which made what happened there over the weekend all the more surprising.

Sunday morning, residents woke to their roads, yards and even cars buried under more than three feet of icy slush from a freak hailstorm that had blanketed the city.

Residents play on top of ice after a heavy storm of rain and hail that affected some areas of Guadalajara, Mexico, on June 30.

On Twitter, Jalisco Gov. Enrique Alfaro said Civil Protection personnel quickly began cleanup, digging vehicles out from beneath the sea of hail and













pumping out floodwaters once it had started to melt.







“I’ve never seen such scenes in Guadalajara,”

“Then we ask ourselves if climate change is real. These are never-before-seen natural phenomenon’s,” he said. “It’s incredible.”

In some places, the hail was up to five feet deep.

Residents in the mountainous area, which sits about 350 miles west of Mexico City, reported damage to nearly 200 homes and businesses, according to AFP,

and some 50 vehicles were swept away by the heavy ice and rain. No injuries or casualties were reported, Alfaro said.

A man with a bike walks on hail in the eastern area of Guadalajara on June 30. (Ulises Ruiz/AFP/Getty Images)

Vehicles buried in hail are seen in the streets.

A policeman stands next to vehicles buried in hail.

Residents play on top of the ice.

People stand on the sidewalk of a street.

Trucks are buried in ice.

Security forces and soldiers try to clear away ice after the storm. (Fernando Carranza/Reuters)

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