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MAJURO, Marshall Islands (January 15, 2001 - PINA Nius Online)---Emergency crews are cleaning up after a high tide and strong winds caused the sea to flood parts of the low-lying Marshall Islands capital atoll of Majuro.

Some families were forced to move from their homes into government buildings during the height of the flooding. Owners of businesses in the downtown area, with the sea on one side and the lagoon on the other, worked to keep water out of their premises.

Roads were left littered with debris.

The highest point on Majuro, a long string of narrow islands linked by bridges, is about 2.5 meters (8.25 feet) above sea level.

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