

Firefighters, cleaning services and the roads brigade of local government continue their second day of work today to remove water and clean roads affected by a heavy storm which battered the island.

In Es Pujols, a particularly hard-hit neighbourhood, crews used pressure washers and shovels to clear mud and debris that had been loosened by torrential rain. Work is also being carried out on PM-820 (the island's main arterial), in car parks in Es Pujols and at Ses Illetes and on smaller roads across Formentera.

Exceptional situation

According to the national meteorological agency, 24-hour rainfall yesterday marked an all-time record on the island since records have been kept. The exceptional situation saw drainage systems overflow along Avinguda Miramar and Carrer Punta Prima. Municipal crews will perform checks to ensure the infrastructure remains functional and will study how to minimise the chances that the situation is repeated.

The Formentera Department of Environment will also extend measures to stem proliferation of mosquitoes in areas of stagnant fresh water.

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