




**Photos of the 2002 flood in Europe**

**Vltava River in the Czech Republic  
(a tributary of the Elbe)**

Photographed on September 2002

	<p>Beautiful townscape in Czech</p> <p>The photo was taken, facing down-river of the Vltava.</p> <p>The old town on the right bank side.</p>
	<p>Vltava (Moldau) river during the flood</p> <p>Photo by Mr. Tomio Tatsuki, first secretary of Japanese Embassy in Czech</p>
	<p>Scene in the old town</p> <p>Although buildings were not inundated above the ground, their basements were submerged under water due to reverse flows from the drainage system.</p> <p>Furniture and household articles that were soaked and became unusable are heaped up on the street.</p>



Vltava (Moldau) river  
right bank (in the old  
town)

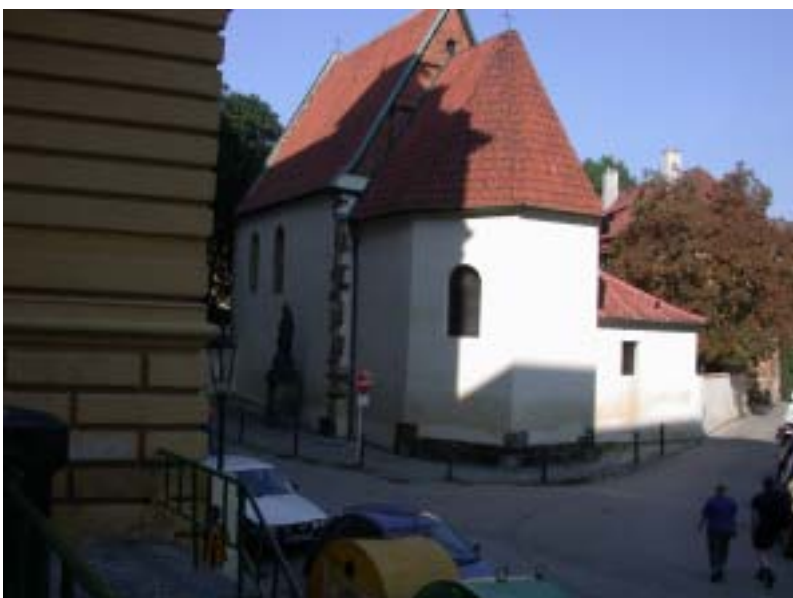
A broken drain ditch is  
shown.



Vltava (Moldau) river  
left bank (vicinity of the  
Japanese Embassy)

During the flood  
(on August 14)

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Tatsuki, first secretary  
of Japanese Embassy  
in Czech



Vltava (Moldau) river  
left bank (vicinity of the  
Japanese Embassy)

On September 4  
A flood mark is shown  
on a wall.



Vltava (Moldau) river left bank (vicinity of the Japanese Embassy)

Evidence of a flood is clear.



Vltava (Moldau) river left bank (vicinity of the Japanese Embassy)

During the flood (on August 14)

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Vltava (Moldau) river left bank (vicinity of the Japanese Embassy)

In a normal state (on September 4)



Precautions against a flood taken at the entrance of the Japanese Embassy.

Sandbags are piled up. (before the flood)

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Vltava (Moldau) river left bank (inside the entrance of the Japanese Embassy)

A flood mark is shown.



Vltava (Moldau) river  
left bank (vicinity of the  
Japanese Embassy)  
Japan Cultural Center

Water rose to the level  
indicated by an arm.  
Many PC's were  
submerged in water.



Vltava (Moldau) river  
left bank (vicinity of the  
Japanese Embassy)

Inundated restaurant



Vltava (Moldau) river  
left bank (vicinity of the  
Japanese Embassy)

Evidence of a flood is  
clear everywhere.



Vltava (Moldau) river left bank (vicinity of the Japanese Embassy)

Restorative work has begun to remove and grout walls again.

The area is kept off-limit.



A resident of the area washing mud-covered furniture with a high-pressure water jet.