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'Too early' to assess flood damage

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were moved by the force of the water, and some desperate people used hosepipes and rope to "teather" their vehicles to lamp posts.

One very unlucky man was José Manuel Rodeira who had received his new car from the dealer only two days previously. Umbrella in hand, his bumper tied to a railing, José's car was filled to above the seats with muddy water as he battled to break the battery connection.

A drenched black cat shivered on a pile of towels that someone had placed on top of a rubbish bin. The owner of an underground beachfront bar lost two parrots when his establishment filled up "in minutes".

A spokesman for the Lagoa Câmara said it was too early to assess the extent of the damages, but said insurance claims were sure to run into "millions".

The Red Cross official said their organisation would not be involved in the distribution of donations to affected householders, and asked that items of furniture, clothing and blankets be left at the respective Tavira, Lagoa and Portimão Câmaras.

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Carvoeiro: mopping up the morning after



Sr Jose Rodeira received his new car from the dealer two days before the flood



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