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Neb. Tornadoes Destroy Dozens of Homes

PILGER, Neb. (AP) - Officials say the tornado that swept through Pilger destroyed between 45 and 50 homes.

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency released the numbers in a news release on Tuesday. Officials say 10 to 12 homes were also demolished in Dixon County in northeast Nebraska.

The National Weather Service says four tornadoes touched down during the massive storm, killing a 5-year-old girl in Pilger and a 74-year-old man who was driving in Cuming County.

NEMA says the two fatalities are the first tornado deaths in Nebraska in 10 years. The National Weather Service says the tornado that struck Pilger appears to be an EF4, with estimated wind speeds of 166 to 200 mph. EF4 is the second strongest rating on the scale that measures tornado strength.

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