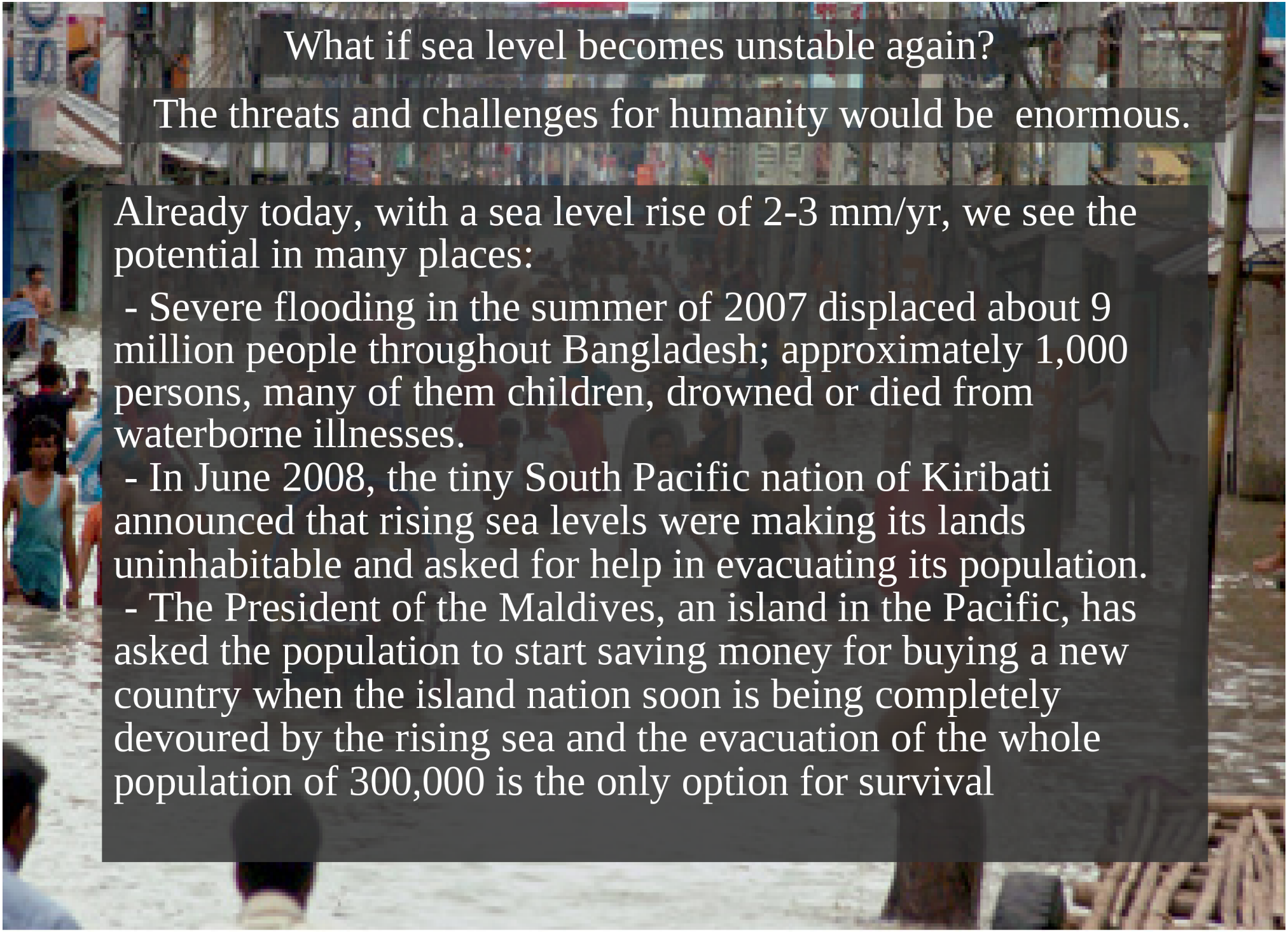

What if sea level becomes unstable again?

The threats and challenges for humanity would be enormous.

Already today, with a sea level rise of 2-3 mm/yr, we see the potential in many places:

- Severe flooding in the summer of 2007 displaced about 9 million people throughout Bangladesh; approximately 1,000 persons, many of them children, drowned or died from waterborne illnesses.
- In June 2008, the tiny South Pacific nation of Kiribati announced that rising sea levels were making its lands uninhabitable and asked for help in evacuating its population.
- The President of the Maldives, an island in the Pacific, has asked the population to start saving money for buying a new country when the island nation soon is being completely devoured by the rising sea and the evacuation of the whole population of 300,000 is the only option for survival

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