

Massive Storms in Bangladesh Leave 35 Dead



Dhaka, April 7 (RHC)-- Massive storms have hit various part of Bangladesh, leaving dozens of people killed and causing huge devastation across a large area in northwestern districts of the country.

Officials have confirmed that at least 35 people have been killed after powerful storms swept some districts in north and west Bangladesh the previous night, making many people homeless as thousands of houses were flattened. Most of the victims were recovered from the villages in the northern district of *Bogra*, where 19 people were killed and around 100 were injured. Thousands of trees were uprooted as strong winds damaged houses and cut power supplies for several hours.

The wave of storms reached the western district of *Kushtia* on Sunday where at least two people were killed and 100 houses completely destroyed. The English-language newspaper Daily Star also reported fatalities in at least five more districts, including some women and children in the capital, Dhaka.

Locally known as *Kalbaisakhi*, the powerful storms usually hit Bangladesh in early summer and lead up to seasonal monsoon rains which normally begin around the first week of June.



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