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# Vacant rooms and cancelled trips: How local tourism is facing a crisis

Currently, the Bangladeshi tourism sector is witnessing unprecedented problems. While this was supposed to be one of the peak seasons, due to the recent political situation and the current flood that is sweeping many parts of the country, the hospitality industry seems to have come to a standstill. For almost two months, hotel rooms have remained vacant, resort bookings have been repeatedly cancelled, and popular tourist destinations are now empty.

We spoke to some people in general, and stakeholders in the industry, to understand the depth of the impact and explore potential options for recovery.

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