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FLOOD, LANDSLIDE Tropical storm death toll tops 600 in Southeast Asia Over 4m people affected

REUTERS, Jakarta

The death toll mounted to over 600 from floods and landslides caused by torrential rains across three countries in Southeast Asia, officials said yesterday, as relief efforts for tens of thousands of displaced people continued over the weekend.

Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand faced large-scale devastation after a rare tropical storm formed in the Malacca Strait fueling heavy rains and wind gusts for a week. There were 435 dead in Indonesia, 170 in Thailand, and three deaths reported in Malaysia.

Rescue and relief officials in the Southeast Asian countries were still trying to get access to many flood-affected areas yesterday even as flood waters receded and tens of thousands of people were evacuated across the three



People with their belongings wade through a flooded street after heavy rainfall in Wellampitiya on the outskirts of Colombo yesterday. Sri Lankan authorities battled rising floodwaters in parts of the capital after the powerful Cyclone Ditwah left a trail of destruction, killing at least 334 people across the country. PHOTO: AFP



countries. Over 4 million people have been affected - nearly 3 million in southern Thailand and 1.1 million in western Indonesia, according to official statistics.

Separately, across the Bay of Bengal, another 153 people were killed by a cyclone in the island nation of Sri Lanka, authorities said, with 191 others missing and more than half a million affected nationwide.

The death toll surged in Indonesia to 435 yesterday, up from 303 on Saturday, official data uploaded on a government website showed, as officials compiled reports of casualties and damage pouring in from the western island of Sumatra, where three provinces had been devastated by landslides and floods after the rains.

Many areas were cut off due to blocked roads, while damage to telecommunications infrastructure has hampered communication. Relief and rescue teams used helicopters to deliver aid to people in areas that could not be reached by road.

From a navy chopper flying over the isolated town of Palembayan in West Sumatra, a Reuters photographer saw large tracts of land and homes swept away by floodwaters. As the helicopter landed in a soccer field, dozens of people were already standing close by waiting for food.

Israeli fighter jets pound east of Rafah

4 Palestinians, holed up in Gaza tunnels, killed

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Israeli fighter jets yesterday carried out strikes east of Rafah in Gaza, while forces demolished structures east of Khan Younis.

The army said it had killed four Palestinians coming out of the tunnels in Rafah. Dozens of Hamas fighters are holed up in southern Gaza's tunnels, underneath areas controlled by the Israeli military, reports AFP.

Israeli naval vessels fired shells towards the city's coastline, local sources and witnesses told the Anadolu news agency. Israeli artillery shelled eastern Khan Younis, while helicopters fired on buildings amid demolitions in the area.

An air raid hit east of the Bureij refugee camp in Deir el-Balah, central Gaza.

➤ Israeli naval vessels fire shells towards Gaza's coastline

➤ Qatar say Israel must not block 2nd phase of truce

The ceasefire remains fragile, with Israel and Hamas accusing each other of violating the terms, while the Gaza Strip remains in a deep humanitarian crisis.

Israel should not be allowed to obstruct the implementation of the Gaza agreement and the transition to its second phase, Qatar's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Majed al-Ansari has said.

Venezuela blasts Trump airspace threat

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Caracas on Saturday slammed US President Donald Trump's warning that Venezuelan airspace should be considered closed, calling it a "colonialist threat."

"Venezuela denounces and condemns the colonialist threat that seeks to affect the sovereignty of its airspace, constituting yet another extravagant, illegal and unjustified aggression against the Venezuelan people," the Foreign Ministry said.

Trump administration is piling pressure on Venezuela, with a military deployment in the Caribbean that includes largest aircraft carrier.

Fish stocks in the Bay drop nearly 80%

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the Bay; that number has now risen to 273.

He said the decline in the number and size of commercially important fish is alarming, and urged the government to reduce the number of commercial trawlers to prevent further damage. Ecosystem disruption and environmental degradation have also contributed to the decline, he added.

The survey was conducted from August 21 to September 21 across Bangladesh's entire exclusive economic zone of 118,813 sq km.

It included oceanographic measurements, fisheries trawling, plankton and jellyfish studies, and microplastic sampling. The work is part of the EAF-Nansen Programme, carried out using the research vessel Dr Fridtjof Nansen.

The 2019 Department of Fisheries report stated that the current management system allows excessive and increasing fishing pressure, and called for urgent steps

to stop fleet growth and gradually reduce total fleet size.

Preliminary results from the new survey recorded 65 marine species for the first time in Bangladesh, including five possibly new to science.

According to the ministry data, the Bay of Bengal has 475 species of fish, 36 species of shrimp, five species of lobster, more than 15 species of crab, five species of turtles and 13 species of coral.

Abdullah Al Mamun said researchers have sent samples to a laboratory in South Africa for further analysis.

The survey also found that jellyfish, once more abundant in deep sea areas, are now appearing in much larger numbers along the coast.

For the first time, the presence of Skipjack tuna and other tuna species has been scientifically confirmed within Bangladesh's exclusive economic zone.

Skipjack tuna were caught by trawls and hook-and-line, and scientists also observed tuna schools inside the exclusive economic zone. Skipjack tuna is a small, highly migratory species found in tropical and subtropical oceans worldwide, known for being the most abundant commercial tuna.

She said out of 273 industrial trawlers, 72 are using technology, but since it is not being used properly, bycatch and wastage are increasing.

In the Bay of Bengal, oxygen levels are low in some areas and high in others, there is a high concentration of microplastics, and an abnormal proliferation of jellyfish, she added.

These warning signs clearly indicate that Bangladesh's marine environment is facing serious risks, she mentioned.

She urged that the issuance of licenses for industrial trawlers be strictly limited and strict control be imposed on trawler-based fishing.

The adviser further said after receiving the final report in mid-December, the government will hold meetings with all relevant stakeholders and then take the necessary measures.

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Date: 30, November 25

Invitation of Tenders

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MoHPW).
2	Agency	Urban Development Directorate (UDD)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, "Preparation of Strategic Plan for Barishal Metropolitan Area" Project
4	Procuring Entity Code	1320401
5	Procuring Entity District	Barishal
6	Invitation for	Hiring of Vehicle
7	Invitation Ref No	25.45.1000.000.104.07.0003.25.820
8	Date	30, November 25

KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement Method Time Based

FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and Source of Funds Development Budget (GOB) GoB

11 Development Partners (If Applicable) N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12 Project/Program Code 222020600

13 Project/Program Name Preparation of Strategic Plan for Barishal Metropolitan Area

14 Tender Package No. Vehicle-01

15 Tender Package Name Hiring of Vehicle for the Project Work

16 Tender Publication Date 01, December, 25

17 Tender last Selling Date 11, December, 25

18 Tender Closing Date and Time 14, December 25; Time: 10:30 AM

19 Tender Opening Date and Time 14, December 25; Time: 11:30 AM

20 Name & Address of the Office(s) Office of the Senior Planner, Urban Development Directorate, Barishal Regional Office, 834 Police Line Road, Barishal

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

21 Eligibility of Tenderer • Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law.

• Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organisations registered in Bangladesh.

• Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.

22 Brief Description of Services Hiring of vehicle (One nos) as monthly contractual basis with fuel, toll, parking, maintenance etc.

23 Price of Tender Document (TK) 1500 TK

20 Package No Identification of Package Location Tender Security Amount (TK) Completion Time in Weeks/Months

Vehicle-01 - Barishal Metropolitan Area 60000.00Tk 20 Months

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

21 Name of Official Inviting Tender Asaduzzaman

22 Designation of Official Inviting Tender Senior Planner

Urban Development Directorate, Barishal Regional Office

23 Address of Official Inviting Tender Office of the Senior Planner, Urban Development Directorate, Barishal Regional Office, 834 Police Line Road, Barishal

24 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender Phone no: 01732122258

25 The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings



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e-Tender Notice

Date: 30.11.2025

Memo No.: 46.207.000.12.05.8156.2025

This is online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP portal and offline/hard copies will not be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

e-Tender is invited in e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Executive Engineer, Waste Management Department, Dhaka South City Corporation for the procurement of:

Sl. No.	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of works	Publishing Date & Time	Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
1.	1179006 WR03/WMD/Beautification /FY2025-26	Renovation works with Preservation, Beautification and health awareness Graffiti/Art works on the footpath adjacent to the road in front of Dhaka Medical College & Hospital under Dhaka South City Corporation.	30.11.2025 22:00	11.12.2025 13.00	11.12.2025 17:00

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Syed Wasiful Islam

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Over the years, Syed Wasiful has visited more than 100 countries for dawah (invitation to Islam) activities and is widely respected as a global Islamic preacher and an influential senior figure within the movement.

This year's Alami Mashwara is being held in Indonesia instead of Bangladesh, as the global gathering could not take place at the World Ijtema.

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Unfairly treated

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retaliation between 2009 and August 4, 2024, according to a statement from the chief adviser's press wing.

"When I assigned you this responsibility, I thought perhaps few irregularities had taken place, but the complete picture you have presented is truly frightening. It is far beyond imagination," Yunus said, thanking the committee for its professionalism and impartiality.

Lt Gen (retd) Abdul Hafiz, the committee chairman and special assistant to the chief adviser on defence and national unity development, and members Maj Gen (retd) Muhammad Shamsul-Huda, Maj Gen (retd) Sheikh Pasha Habib Uddin, rear admiral (retd) Mohammad Shafiqul Azam, and air vice marshal (retd) Muhammad Shafiqul Ali, handed the report to the chief adviser.

The committee received 733 applications and recommended 145.

Abdul Hafiz said the committee held its first meeting on August 19, 2025, and invited applications by September 21, 2025.

He noted that service boards found no record of moral misconduct or disciplinary punishment in the dossiers of those recommended, except in a few cases. Recommendations were based on board findings, additional information, and interviews with applicants.

The inquiry found that six officers were subjected to enforced disappearances

ground in Tongi due to ongoing opposition to Maulana Saad Kandhalvi's presence in Bangladesh, the press release said.

It added that approximately 1,500 responsible members and elders of Tabligh Jamaat from various regions of Bangladesh are attending the Ijtema in Jakarta.

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Officers critical of government inaction during February 25, 2009, BDR carnage were tortured after being implicated in the Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh murder attempt case, which the commission termed "fabricated".

The inquiry also found that five DGF officers from the 1/11 caretaker government were dismissed on false allegations or without charges.