

Country faced first devastating Nor'Wester, Killed 14

The devastating first nor'wester coupled with rain caused huge damage to the standing crops and power disruption in Dhaka city and different Northwestern districts yesterday (April 4, 2015). The nor'wester killed at least 14 people. Five people including a child were killed in Bogra and four in Rajshahi, while one each was killed in Dhaka, Noagoan, Natore, Pabna and Sirajganj.

A number of thatched houses and small shops were affected, standing crops were damaged and many seasonal fruit trees like mango, litchi and jackfruit were uprooted in different areas of the country.

The electricity lines were snapped as power poles fell over in many areas across the country. Transport movement on different highways was disrupted due to trees felled in storm.

The meteorological department said that the nor'wester was already forecast and there is a possibility of another today. The department also told that there were several such storms earlier in this season, but yesterday's (April 4, 2015) had the highest velocity. Local met office of Rajshahi said the velocity of the wind was 65 to 70 kilometer per hour.

List of people killed in Nor'wester

Sl.	District	Upazila	No. of Death				Comments
			Children	Women	Men	Injured	
1.	Dhaka	Keraniganj			1	4	A boatman was fatally injured when he was sandwiched between two launches that lost control in the high wind. He was declared dead when brought to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.
2.	Bogra	Sadar – Nataipara, Shahjahanpur Upazila- Radhanagar, Sariakandi Upazila- Hatfulbari	1	2	2	12	People of these areas were killed as house, boundary wall collapsed and electrocuted as tree fell on a tea shop.
3	Rajshahi	Bagha- Pakuria, Poba- Bargachi, Godagari- Ashariadaha		2	2	1	A man was died when a portion of the Padma River Bank collapsed on his boat. One person of Poba upazila was killed by lightning and other two women of Bagha and Poba upazila were killed as mud wall collapsed and tree felled on them.
4	Pabna	Sadar			1		As tree fell on his tea stall
5	Natore	Gurudaspur - Charpipla			1		A farmer was killed by lightning
6	Sirajganj	Kazipur			1		Drowned, as boat sank in Jamuna river due to storm
7	Naogaon	Manda- Mahanagar		1			Crushed to death by a collapsed mud wall.
Total			1	5	8	17	