

Situation Report-1, Nor'wester (Kalbaishakhi) Storm | Date: 30 March 2026 | Time: 10:00 AM

Overall Situation:

Between 12 March and 29 March 2026, a series of violent Nor'wester storms (locally known as **Kalbaishakhi**), intense hailstorms, and localized tornadoes struck several districts across Bangladesh. These early-season storms brought squally winds, heavy rainfall and large-scale hail, causing significant loss of life, livestock and infrastructure. The most severe impacts were felt in the northern and southwestern regions, where "Kutchha" (mud and tin) houses and standing crops were decimated. The situation remains critical in several northern districts where thousands of households are currently displaced or living under the open sky. A total of **5 deaths** has been confirmed across Chuadanga, Panchagarh, Kurigram, and Thakurgaon due to falling trees, wall collapses and boat accidents. Inland water transport faced significant disruptions; ferry services on the Paturia-Daulatdia route were suspended for 4 hours on 28 March to avoid accidents in the turbulent Padma River.



picture 1: The destruction after the Nor'wester storm hit Haluaghat, Mymensingh

As per the bulletin from Bangladesh Meteorological department: Inland riverports warning valid till 06:00 pm of 30.03.2026 commencing from 10:00 a.m of 30.03.2026 rain/thunder showers accompanied by temporary west/northwesterly gusty/squally wind speed 45-60 kph is likely to occur over the regions of rangamati and sylhet wherein riverports shall hoist cautionary signal no one (r) one.

District wise situation Updates:

Lalmonirhat District: A severe 10-minute storm accompanied by intense hailstorms swept through five upazilas of lamonirhat on Friday, March 27, 2026, causing extensive destruction to shelters and agricultural lands. In Kakina Union alone, 1,200 people from 500 households were affected, with 150 shelters completely destroyed and another 350 partially damaged. Overall, across the district, including Tushvandar, Dolgram, and Votmari unions, approximately 7,910 individuals have been impacted. In Mohiskhocha, Vadai and Sharpukur unions, around 290 households have suffered shelter losses. Many residents are now forced to live outdoors under the open sky. Farmers of this district are especially devastated, as the storm destroyed standing corn and tobacco crops, which many depended on for funding essential repairs and livelihood.¹

Panchagarh District: On the night of March 27, a severe Nor'wester and heavy hailstorm struck the district, resulting in the death of an elderly woman named Chakati Bala in the Chanpara village. She was crushed when a massive "Sarakjia" tree uprooted and fell directly onto her tin-shed room. In a separate incident in the Station area of Dhakkamara Union, a couple were seriously injured when a wall from an adjacent three-story building collapsed onto their house while they were sleeping. The storm caused extensive damage to rural infrastructure and local crops throughout the district.²

Kurigram District: In Chilmari Upazila, the storm turned fatal on the evening of March 15, 2026 at the Gazirpara boat ghat on the Brahmaputra River. High winds caused a moored boat's rope to snap, striking 38-year-old Mintu Mia and killing him instantly. During the same chaotic event, another individual named Farid Hossain fell into the turbulent river and remains missing despite ongoing search efforts. The local community has been left in shock as the storm's intensity made it nearly impossible to secure river-based assets.³

Chuadanga District: A tragic incident occurred in Udaypur village under Alamdanga Upazila on the night of March 19, 2026 when a Nor'wester storm caused a large tree branch to crash through the roof of a house. Akman Ali, 65, was killed while

¹ D-form from_Lalmonirhat_29-3-2026, The country Today_ 28-3-2026

² Daily Ittefaq_30-3-2026, Daily Dhakapost_29-3-2026

³ Daily Ittefaq_15-3-2026

having dinner with his wife, who sustained serious injuries in the collapse. The storm also caused significant agricultural losses in the region, uprooting electric poles and destroying fields of banana, papaya and corn, which are vital to the local economy.⁴

Mymensingh District: On March 14, 2026, a localized tornado struck Haluaghat Upazila, specifically impacting the unions of Koichapur, Dhara, and Jugli. Preliminary reports indicate that approximately 200 households were completely destroyed by the rotating winds. The affected villages, including Guniyarikanda and Uluakanda, have seen substantial damage to semi-permanent structures, leaving many families in urgent need of emergency shelter materials and non-food items.⁵

Thakurgaon District A 13-year-old student named Rezwan Hossain lost his life in Ranisankail Upazila during a violent storm on the night of March 12, 2026. The storm's force blew away the CGI sheet roof of his home, causing the upper portion of a brick wall to collapse onto him while he was asleep. The incident occurred in Kumarganj village, where the storm also uprooted numerous trees and disrupted local power lines, causing significant distress to the community.⁶

Chandpur: A sudden strong wind at night impacted 20–25 villages across the upazila. Trees and branches damaged electric poles in at least 60 locations, leaving more than 200 villagers without electricity.

Satkhira: A sudden nor' wester and hailstorm caused widespread destruction. The storm blew off house roofs and uprooted numerous trees. Many areas remained without electricity as fallen branches damaged power lines.

BDRCS Actions:

- **Rapid Assessment:** BDRCS units have begun collecting data via "D-Forms" in affected districts to verify the number of damaged shelters and affected families.
- **Volunteer Deployment:** Volunteers in affected districts assisted in initial search and rescue efforts following the storm peaks.

Government Approaches:

- In Haluaghat Jugli Union, South Polashtola, and Nowapara village, the local Member of Parliament distributed MPCG grants of 5,000 BDT and 20 kg of rice to 31 affected families. Additionally, immediately after the storm, the district administration provided assistance to 70 affected households, including 5,000 BDT to 65 households, 1 bundle of CGI sheets to 35 households, and 65 sacks of dry food supplies.

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⁴ Daily Ittefaq_19-3-2026

⁵ UNO office circular_Haluaghat_Mymensingh_25-3-2026

⁶ Daily Ittefaq_13-3-2026