

After 'Nargis', Dhaka warns of cyclone ABC

A day after Cyclone Nargis spared Bangladesh and swerved to Myanmar killing 351 people, the meteorological office Monday warned that one more cyclonic storm was developing over the Bay of Bengal.

'At least one cyclonic storm may develop from the depressions in the Bay of Bengal this month,' official news agency BSS said, quoting the met office making its long-range forecast for May.

The cyclone, would be named ABC, from a panel of code names selected for the Bay of Bengal cyclones of this year, senior meteorologist and cyclone expert Sujit Kumar Dev Sharma told the news agency.

According to the report, the northern and central regions of the country may experience five to six moderate to severe thunderstorms.

Elsewhere, four to five mild to moderate thunderstorms were likely, it added.

The forecast was issued after a meeting of experts at the met office, said The Daily Star newspaper.

A thunderstorm, or nor'wester, killed eight people in Bangladesh last Friday-Saturday in the country's western region.

At least 351 people were killed and nearly 100,000 left homeless when tropical cyclone Nargis tore through Myanmar, razing thousands of buildings and knocking out power lines, Myanmar's state media said Sunday.

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