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More than 1200 deaths already counted and rising by minutes

Winds over 220km an hour hit the coastal area (Khulna-Barisal mainly) at 7:30pm Thursday, cutting off all communications and services across the country. High speed Winds, driving rains and tidal waves (about 5mtrs high) wreaked havoc for over 14 hours. Despite a commendable evacuation effort, the government last night found itself reeling from shock as the number of deaths and extent of damages of homes, crops, etc caused by the cyclone becomes known. Millions have no homes to go back to. The death tolls are unprecedented given that the authorities evacuated people into the newly built cyclone shelters well before the killer cyclone came. According to the latest update by the government more than 1200 people, mostly villagers were killed in Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Bagerhat, Barisal, Barguna, Jhlakathi, Gopalganj, Bhola, Shariatpur, Khulna, Faridpur, Chandpur, Dhaka, Sathkhira, Laxmipur, Chittagong, and Jessore.

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