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Bangladesh primary schools closed for 4 days for heatwave

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This photo taken on June 3, 2023 shows that a child is taking a bath with his father during the on going heatwave at Dhalpur in Bangladesh capital Dhaka. – Sony Ramany.

Classroom activities in the government primary schools across Bangladesh will remain closed for four days between Monday and Thursday due to the ongoing heatwave.

The primary and mass education ministry announced the decision on Sunday.

A press release issued by the ministry said that the decision was taken for the protection of health of the students.

Currently, in Bangladesh, there are 65,565 government primary schools out of a total of 1,14,539 primary level schools and educational institutions.

Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association central committee president Md Atiqur Rahman told New Age that the non-government primary schools were run by their own managing committees who took decisions by themselves.

‘But I believe the non-government primary schools also should take decision to keep schools closed amid the current heatwave considering the sufferings of the little children,’ he added.

The Bangladesh Meteorological Department’s morning bulletin said that a severe heatwave was sweeping over the districts of Rajshahi, Naogaon, Nilphamari and Dinajpur and it was likely to continue.

Besides, it said, a mild to moderate heatwave is sweeping over Dhaka, Mymensingh, Khulna and Barishal divisions, the rest of Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions, and the districts of Moulvibazar, Chandpur and Noakhali.

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, the bulletin said.

The prevailing heatwave in the country is likely to continue for the next 72 hours.



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