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International Lightning Safety Awareness 2026



Objective of the Event

Enhancing lightning forecasting systems and building public awareness are key priorities of RIMES, UNICEF, and Save the Children, in alignment with the government's goal to minimize loss and damage caused by lightning.

Event Details

- Date: 28 June 2026
- Key Objectives: Facilitate technical discussions
- Debunk myths surrounding lightning
- Raise awareness among communities
- Strengthen dissemination of alerts and safety information

This event promotes collaboration among organizations and stakeholders to improve preparedness and response to lightning hazards.

Lightning is a hazardous weather phenomenon that occurs frequently, with a global average of 46 flashes per second. Each year, approximately 6,000–24,000 people lose their lives due to lightning strikes worldwide. In Asia, Bangladesh experiences relatively high lightning activity, ranging from 40 to 60 events per square kilometer annually. Due to the increasing number of fatalities and economic losses, Bangladesh declared lightning strikes a disaster in 2016.

Recognizing the importance of lightning safety, International Lightning Safety Day has been observed globally on June 28 since 2015. The day aims to raise awareness about lightning risks and promote improved safety measures, especially in developing countries.

Efforts have been made to strengthen early warning systems and enhance public awareness to prevent lightning-related deaths and injuries. However, broader and more coordinated action is still needed to ensure that communities receive accurate information and take necessary precautions.

Members of the Amateur Radio Society of Bangladesh (ARSB) actively participated in the programme, supporting awareness-building and communication efforts.

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