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Storms sink ships  
Rescuers have found the bodies of over 130 people killed in two ferry disasters in Bangladesh . The accidents happened during a storm that hit the country on April 21 . Hundreds more are missing or feared dead . The two ferries sank in different rivers near the capital city of Dhaka as strong winds and rain hit the South Asian country . The government has since banned all ferries and other boats from traveling at night during the April-May stormy season .

One of the ferries , MV Mitali , was carrying far more people than it was supposed to . About 400 passengers fitted into a space made for just 300 , police said . The second ferry carried about 100 passengers . “ The number of deaths is certain to rise . ” said an official in charge of the rescue work . “ No one really knows how many people were on board ‘ the ferry or how many of them survived . ’ ’ Ferries in Bangladesh don ’ t always keep passenger lists , making it difficult to determine the exact number of people on board . Besides the ferry accidents , at least 40 people were killed and 400 injured by lightning strikes . falling houses and trees and the sinking of small boats . Storms are common this time of year in Bangladesh , as are boating accidents . Ferry disasters take away hundreds of lives every year in a nation of 130 million people . Officials blame these river accidents on a lack of safety measures . too many passengers in boats and not enough checks on weather

conditions . Ferries are a common means of transport in Bangladesh . It is a country covered by about 230 rivers . Some 20 , 000 ferries use the nation ' s Waterways every year . And many of them are dangerously overcrowded . Since 1977, more than 3 . 000 people have died in some 260 boating accidents . 词汇 : ferry n . 渡船 waterway n . 水路 , 水道 Bangladesh : 孟加拉国 , 位于南亚 练习 : 1 . How many people have been found dead in the two ferry disasters? A、 Over 130 . B、 At least 40 . C、 About 400 . D) Over 3 , 000 . 2 . The two ferry disasters occurred A) at noon . B) in the morning . C) at night . D) In the afternoon . 3 How many passengers was MV Mitali designed to carry? A) 500 . B) 100 . C) 400 . D) 300 . 4. Officials attribute boating accident to A) strong winds . B) bad weather conditions . C) the blockages of waterways . D) the lack of safety measures . 5 " hich of the following statements is NOT true of the two ferry disasters? A) They were overcrowded . B) They sank on April 21 . C) The exact number of deaths could be easily determined . D) They sank somewhere near Dhaka . 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)