Cyclone Roanu

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| **Cyclonic Storm Roanu** | |
| **Cyclonic storm (IMD scale)** | |
| **Tropical storm (SSHWS)** | |
| [Roanu 2016-05-21 0450Z.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Roanu_2016-05-21_0450Z.jpg)  Cyclone Roanu at peak intensity, approaching [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh) on 21 May | |
| **Formed** | 19 May 2016 |
| **Dissipated** | 23 May 2016 |
| ([Remnant low](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Post-tropical_cyclone) after 22 May) | |
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| **Highest winds** | [*3-minute sustained*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_cyclone_scales#Wind_speed_conversions)*:* 85 km/h (50 mph) [*1-minute sustained*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_cyclone_scales#Wind_speed_conversions)*:* 110 km/h (70 mph) |
| **Lowest pressure** | 983 [hPa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pascal_(unit)" \o "Pascal (unit)) ([mbar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bar_(unit))); 29.03 [inHg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inch_of_mercury" \o "Inch of mercury) |
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| **Fatalities** | 135 total, 99 missing |
| **Damage** | $2.03 billion (2016 [USD](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_dollar)) |
| **Areas affected** | [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka), [East coast of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_coastal_plains), [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh), [Myanmar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myanmar), [Yunnan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yunnan) |
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| Part of the [**2016 North Indian Ocean cyclone season**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_North_Indian_Ocean_cyclone_season) | |

**Cyclonic Storm Roanu**[[nb 1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu" \l "cite_note-Etymology-2) was a relatively weak [tropical cyclone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_cyclone) that caused severe flooding in [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka) and [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh) during May 2016. It is the first tropical cyclone of the [annual cyclone season](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_North_Indian_Ocean_cyclone_season). Roanu originated from a [low pressure area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low_pressure_area) that formed south of [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka), which gradually drifted north and intensified into a cyclonic storm on 19 May. However, [wind shear](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wind_shear) and land interaction caused it to weaken slightly, before reintensifying as it accelerated towards the coast of Bangladesh.

The storm was responsible for 201 deaths in [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka) and another 26 deaths in [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh). Damage throughout Sri Lanka reached US$2 billion. Roanu also brought torrential rainfall to the Indian states of [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu), [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh), [Kerala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerala) and [Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odisha" \o "Odisha) as it drifted in a generally northeastward direction, close to the coast.

Meteorological history[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cyclone_Roanu&action=edit&section=1" \o "Edit section: Meteorological history)]

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Roanu_2016_track.png)

Map plotting the track and the intensity of the storm, according to the [Saffir–Simpson scale](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saffir%E2%80%93Simpson_scale" \o "Saffir–Simpson scale)

Under the influence of a [trough](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trough_(meteorology)), a [low pressure area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low_pressure_area) formed over the Bay of Bengal on 14 May.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-3)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-4) It slowly consolidated as it paralleled the east coast of [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka), prompting the [India Meteorological Department](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India_Meteorological_Department) (IMD) to classify it as a depression on 17 May.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-5) Late the same day, the [Joint Typhoon Warning Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joint_Typhoon_Warning_Center) (JTWC) issued a [tropical cyclone formation alert](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_cyclone_formation_alert) (TCFA), soon after which the JTWC upgraded the system to a tropical storm.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-6)[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-7) Simultaneously, the IMD upgraded the storm to a Deep Depression, prompting the issuance of cyclone warnings for the states of [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh) and [Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odisha" \o "Odisha).[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-8) On 19 May, the IMD reported that the storm had reached cyclonic storm intensity, and [assigned it the name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_cyclone_naming) *Roanu*.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-9)

At the time, Roanu was tracking slowly northward along the northern periphery of a [subtropical ridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subtropical_ridge) located over the [Malay Peninsula](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malay_Peninsula). Despite favorable outflow and warm [sea surface temperatures](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sea_surface_temperature) (SSTs) reaching 31 °C (88 °F), its proximity to land and moderate vertical [wind shear](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wind_shear) kept the storm from [intensifying rapidly](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rapid_deepening).[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-10) The [diurnal temperature variation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diurnal_temperature_variation) over land and the persistent wind shear began to affect the deep [convection](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Convection_(meteorology)) obscuring the [low-level circulation center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eye_(cyclone)) (LLCC). In the late hours of that day, Roanu showed a weakening trend after most of the convection covering the LLCC was sheared off. During that time, Roanu was located approximately 150 kilometres (93 mi) from [Visakhapatnam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visakhapatnam). However, the wind shear soon decreased,[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu" \l "cite_note-11) and the storm reestablished deep convection over and around the LLCC, forming a [central dense overcast](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_dense_overcast) in a period of 6 hours. [SSMIS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SSMIS) imagery revealed tightly curved [rainbands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainbands" \o "Rainbands) wrapped into the LLCC.[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-12) As a result, Roanu re-intensified as it accelerated east-northeastwards towards the coast of [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh),[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-13) and reached its peak intensity with winds of 85 km/h (50 mph) and a minimum central pressure of 983 hPa (mbar; 29.03 inHg).[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-14) On 21 May, Roanu made landfall near [Chittagong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chittagong), [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh).[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-15) Continuing to accelerate inland, Roanu steadily weakened and degenerated into a remnant low on the next day.[*[citation needed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed" \o "Wikipedia:Citation needed)*]

Preparations and impact[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cyclone_Roanu&action=edit&section=2" \o "Edit section: Preparations and impact)]

| **Deaths and damage by countries** | | | | |
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| **Countries** | **Fatalities** | **Missing** | **Damage (2016 USD)** | **Sources** |
| [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka) | 105 | 99 | $2 billion | [[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-16)[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-SciDev-17) |
| [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) | None | None | Minimal |  |
| [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh) | 30 | None | $31.8 million | [[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-IIED-18)[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-DailyAsianAge-19) |
| **Totals:** | **135** | **99** | **$2.03 billion** |  |

**Sri Lanka**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cyclone_Roanu&action=edit&section=3" \o "Edit section: Sri Lanka)]

*Main article:*[*2016 Sri Lankan floods*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Sri_Lankan_floods)

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:BOB_01_2016-05-15_0530Z.jpg)

The precursor to Cyclone Roanu over Sri Lanka on 15 May.

Preparations for the storm began even before the IMD started tracking it as a depression. As the area of low pressure tracked closer to the country, the Meteorology Department of Sri Lanka issued a warning on 13 May stating that the disturbance would affect the country. Fishermen were advised to be vigilant.[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-20) Later, The National Building Research Organisation (NBRO) issued landslide warning in the districts of [Badulla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Badulla" \o "Badulla), [Monaragala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monaragala" \o "Monaragala), [Kandy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kandy), [Ratnapura](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratnapura" \o "Ratnapura), [Kurunegala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kurunegala" \o "Kurunegala), [Nuwara Eliya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuwara_Eliya" \o "Nuwara Eliya), [Kegalle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kegalle" \o "Kegalle) and [Matale](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matale" \o "Matale).[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-21) President [Maithripala Sirisena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maithripala_Sirisena" \o "Maithripala Sirisena) instructed the local authorities to provide relief to those affected by the system. The Minister Of Disaster Management, Defense Secretary, [Tri Forces](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka_Armed_Forces)' Commanders and the [Inspector General Of Police](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inspector-general_of_police) were instructed to undertake the operation.[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-22)

Sri Lankan Disaster Management Centre (DMC) issued a flood alert on 16 May as the low pressure area brought heavy rains to the country. The [Kelani River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kelani_River" \o "Kelani River) and [Maha Oya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_rivers_of_Sri_Lanka" \l "List_of_rivers_over_100km_in_length" \o "List of rivers of Sri Lanka) swelled as a result of the rainfall.[[22]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-23) The depression brought torrential rains to [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka), causing flash flooding and landslides, resulting in 37 deaths. Additionally, the storm displaced over 134,000 people.[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-BOB01_Sri_Lanka_17/05-24) By 26 May, the death toll had risen to 104, while 99 people had been reported missing.[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-SciDev-17) The Sri Lankan Disaster Management Centre said that areas of the nation received the highest amount of rainfall since 2010. Landslides buried three villages in [Kegalle District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kegalle_District" \o "Kegalle District).[[24]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-BOB01_Sri_Lanka_18/05-25)

Damage throughout Sri Lanka reached US$2 billion.[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-SciDev-17)

**India**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cyclone_Roanu&action=edit&section=4" \o "Edit section: India)]

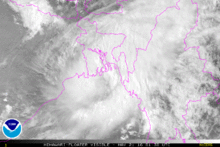
[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Cyclonic_Storm_Roanu_Affected_Overcast_Sky_-_Salt_Lake_City_-_Kolkata_2016-05-20_3962.JPG)

[Fracto-Cumulus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fractus_cloud) over [Kolkata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolkata).

Parts of [Chennai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chennai) and [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu) received between 93 mm (3.7 in) and 116.0 mm (4.57 in) of rain in a period of 24 hours.[[25]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-26) [Kelambakkam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kelambakkam" \o "Kelambakkam), Chennai, received 226 mm of rainfall on 19 May.[[26]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-27) Later reports indicated that the city had received the highest rainfall in the month of May in over 2 decades.[[27]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-28) 12,000 personnel were deployed in the city to aid rescue operations. Multiple boats were stationed around the city for emergency rescue. In the low-lying areas, the [National Disaster Response Force](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Disaster_Response_Force) positioned 4 teams of personnel. An emergency number (1070) was set up.[[28]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-29) The IMD put the states of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha on an orange alert (the second highest level of emergency in India) on 19 May. The city of [Kakinada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kakinada) recorded 174 mm (6.9 in) of rain in a day, the highest reported in the past 10 years. [Bapatla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bapatla" \o "Bapatla) reported 134 mm (5.3 in) of rain. [Visakhapatnam District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visakhapatnam_District), [Vizianagaram District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vizianagaram_District" \o "Vizianagaram District) and [Srikakulam District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Srikakulam_District" \o "Srikakulam District) were also affected by rains and were forecast to receive up to 210 mm (8.3 in) by 21 May.[[29]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-30) [Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_Minister_of_Andhra_Pradesh) [N. Chandrababu Naidu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/N._Chandrababu_Naidu) positioned 5 teams, each consisting of 100 personnel, in [Krishna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krishna_District), [East Godavari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Godavari_District) and Visakhapatnam districts.[[30]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-31)

Under the influence of the system, various places in Odisha received moderate to heavy rainfall. The reported rainfall was 96 mm (3.8 in) in [Paradip](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paradip" \o "Paradip) and 85 mm (3.3 in) in [Puri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puri" \o "Puri). [Chief Minister of Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_Minister_of_Odisha) [Naveen Patnaik](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naveen_Patnaik) readied 10 teams of Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force and fire service personnel. [Government of Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Odisha) issued an alert in at least 12 districts in coastal, southern and northern regions of the state. The maximum temperature in Bhubaneshwar on 20 May was 26.2 °C (79.2 °F)[[31]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu" \l "cite_note-32) compared to the average daily maximum temperature of 37.2 °C (99.0 °F) for the month of May.[[32]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-NOAA-33) In [West Bengal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Bengal), [Digha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digha" \o "Digha) received 73 mm (2.9 in) of rainfall and [Sagar Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sagar_Island" \o "Sagar Island) received 96 mm (3.8 in) as the cyclone inched closer.[[33]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-34)

**Bangladesh**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cyclone_Roanu&action=edit&section=5" \o "Edit section: Bangladesh)]

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Roanu_2016-05-21_0830Z_animated.gif)

An animation depicting Roanu nearing landfall over Bangladesh.

Before the cyclone made landfall, over half a million people had been taken into shelters by the [Government of Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Bangladesh).[[34]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-35) All flights at [Shah Amanat International Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shah_Amanat_International_Airport) were suspended. Restrictions were imposed on the movement of ships and ferries by [Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh_Inland_Water_Transport_Authority).[[35]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-:0-36)

A [storm surge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Storm_surge) up to 7 ft (2.0 m) above the [astronomical tide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tide) hit the coast of Bangladesh at afternoon.[[35]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-:0-36) The cyclone approached the land over the coast at [Sandwip](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandwip" \o "Sandwip), [Hatia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hatia_Island" \o "Hatia Island), [Kutubdia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kutubdia_Upazila" \o "Kutubdia Upazila), [Sitakundu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sitakunda_Upazila" \o "Sitakunda Upazila) and [Feni](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feni_District" \o "Feni District).[[36]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-37) The cyclone caused at least 26 deaths in seven districts across the country.[[37]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-38) 30 people died when Roanu hit the county, most of them died when the cyclone's storm surge overtopped dams.[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-IIED-18) Around 40,000 homesteads and business houses were damaged.[[38]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-39)

The storm disrupted electricity supply and road communications in the areas.[[39]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-40) Food storage, seasonal crops were damaged. Livestock, including [fish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fish_farming) and [shrimp firms](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shrimp_farming) were swept away.[[40]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-41) Damage in [Chittagong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chittagong) and [Cox's Bazar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cox%27s_Bazar) were about [৳](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladeshi_taka)250 crore (US$31.8 million).[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-DailyAsianAge-19)

Aftermath[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cyclone_Roanu&action=edit&section=6" \o "Edit section: Aftermath)]

**Sri Lanka**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cyclone_Roanu&action=edit&section=7" \o "Edit section: Sri Lanka)]

Rescue operations began soon after the storm, on 18 May, with [Sri Lankan military](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka_Armed_Forces) personnel searching for missing people in rural areas. 115 soldiers reportedly searched the villages buried by the landslides in attempt to find any survivors.[[41]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-42) At least 50 people were rescued from the hardest-hit areas in the Kegalle District.[[42]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-BBC_1-43) However, another spell of heavy rain on 19 May disrupted the operations. Mud in some villages was reportedly as high as 75 ft (23 m).[[43]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-44) Major General Sudantha Ranasinghe, the officer in charge of the rescue operation, later told that the authorities had begun to give up the rescue operations. The death toll was confirmed to be 58.[[44]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-Roanu_Sri_Lanka_19/05-45) By the evening of 19 May, rescuers feared that the remaining 134 people missing were dead.[[42]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-BBC_1-43) On 20 May, the [Indian Navy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Navy) [Southern Naval Command](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Naval_Command) sent its ships [INS Sunayna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/INS_Sunayna) and [INS Sutlej](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMIS_Sutlej_(U95)) with relief material to the capital city, [Colombo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colombo).[[45]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-46) Australian [Minister for Foreign Affairs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister_for_Foreign_Affairs_(Australia)) [Julie Bishop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julie_Bishop) pledged assistance to Sri Lanka, saying "The Australian Government stands ready to provide any assistance that our Sri Lankan friends may require in responding to this disaster."[[46]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-47)[[47]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-48) [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan)'s Government also sent field hospital and relief materials.[[48]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-49) As the search operations resumed that day, rescuers continued recovering bodies of those buried in the landslides which also reportedly destroyed 66 houses in Elangapitiya.[[49]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-50) 200,000 people had to escape from the low-lying areas of Colombo on rubber dinghies and makeshift rafts. A total of 101 deaths and 100 missing persons have been reported.[[50]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Roanu#cite_note-SriLanka26/5-51) The [Sri Lanka national cricket team](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka_national_cricket_team) donated [රු.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lankan_rupee)1,000,000 ([US$](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_dollar)6,869) to the victims of Roanu.