

Massive Fire Razes Dhaka's Korail Slum,

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Thousands Homeless Dhaka, Bangladesh — A devastating fire tore through the Korail slum, one of the largest informal settlements in the Bangladeshi capital, on the evening of Tuesday, November 25, 2025, destroying hundreds of homes and displacing thousands of families. The blaze broke out around 17:00 local time at the densely populated settlement near the Mohakhali–Gulshan area. Fanned by highly flammable materials used in the construction of makeshift homes, the fire rapidly spread across vast



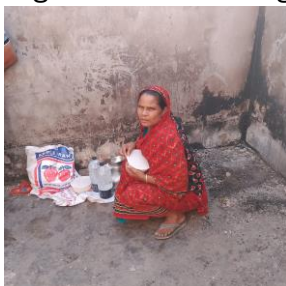
sections of the slum, sending residents fleeing into nearby streets, open fields, and roadside areas with limited time to salvage their belongings. Dhaka Fire Service officials confirmed

after a continued firefighting Mohakhali containing the blaze in the early hours of Wednesday, November



that the fire was brought under control after a gruelling five-hour operation that late into the night. A total of 17 units battled the flames from both the and Banani sides, eventually

26. In a rare joint effort, firefighting operations were also supported by the Bangladesh Air Force, including aerial assistance, while the Bangladesh Air Force ground teams



coordinated with fire service units to create strategic containment



lines. Despite widespread destruction, authorities have so far reported no confirmed casualties. However, concerns remain over missing persons. Local residents initially reported that two

young children went briefly missing during the chaos of evacuation. Their current status remains unclear as verification efforts continue. Korail slum — widely known locally as Mohakhali Bosti — is estimated to be home to more than 50,000 people, many of whom migrated from rural Bangladesh in search of work. The settlement's dense layout, lack of fire safety measures, illegal electricity connections, and tin-roofed shanties have contributed to repeated fire incidents over the years. Families affected by the disaster now face urgent challenges, including finding temporary shelter, accessing basic aid, and rebuilding homes before winter intensifies. 04/12/2025, 21:25 Massive Fire Razes Dhaka's Korail Slum, Thousands Homeless - Farhad Bashar - Outlook

about:blank?windowId=SecondaryReadingPane2 1/2 As a corresponding photographer on the ground during the incident, I captured firsthand images, video documentation, and eyewitness moments from inside and around the affected zone. These materials offer direct visual evidence of the scale of the destruction and the emergency response efforts. Aid groups and authorities continue assessments, while slum residents call for stronger fire prevention and long-term housing support. Report prepared for international media distribution. Signed: Golam — FB Corresponding Photographer
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