



Overview of Hazard Incidences in September 2016

Natural hazards that occurred in September include Boat and launch capsizes, Lightening and Riverbank erosion. Apart from these hazards, Fire incident was the only manmade hazard reported in this month.

September, 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Hazard Incidences in Bangladesh, September 2016



Description of the Hazard Incidences in September 2016

Fire

In September, there are some notable fire incidents occurred. Among them the Tampaco Foils, which owns the five-storey factory, packages various items such as chips, mosquito coils etc. (Metro.co.uk, September, 11, 2016), was the most severe one. The factory building collapsed after explosions around 6:15 am Saturday. So far, 37 bodies have been recovered while many are still missing (The Dhaka Tribune, September 12). It was told the most dangerous industrial disaster after the Rana Plaza explosion of 2013.

Table 3: Loss and damage by Fire hazard in September 2016				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila		
September 2	Dhaka	Demra	No severe damage	<i>NDRCC Report, September 2, 2016</i>
September 11	Gazipur	Tongi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 died • 10 missing • 35 injured 	<i>The Dhaka Tribune, September 12</i>
September 26	Dhaka	Mohakhali	No casualties were reported	<i>The Dhaka Tribune, September 27</i>
	Gazipur	Sreepur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One affected shop estimated damage of BDT 3 lac • Another estimated damage is BDT 2.5 lac 	<i>The Dhaka Tribune, September 27</i>
Total			37 died, 35 injured, 10 missing and economic loss of BDT 5.5 lac	

Boat Capsize

1 is dead in Gaforgaon upazila in Mymensing district on September 5 and 2 children died due to boat capsizing in Hijla upazila of Barisal on September 15. In September 21, 25 people died, including eight men, 10 women and 7 children and 9 others went missing due to launch capsizing at Banaripara of Barishal.

Riverbank Erosion

At September 25, Houses are destroyed and local small shops, agricultural lands all are under water due to riverbank erosion at Monpura of Hazirghat upazila of Bhola (The Daily Jugantor, September 25).

Lightning

In this month, there are four lightning occurrences have been reported on 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st. The impacts are reported below.

Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
September 18	Kishoreganj	Karimganj	2 people died	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo, September 19</i>
September 19	Kishoreganj	Nikli	2 people died	<i>The Daily Star, September 20</i>
September 20	Kishoreganj	Karimganj	2 people died	<i>NDRCC Report, September 21</i>
	Tangail	Aronkhola union of Madhupur	3 people died 1 injured	
	Sunamganj	Salla	3 people died 1 is injured	
	Dinajpur	Parbotipur, Khanshama	2 people died	
	Manikganj	Saturia	1 people died	
September 21	Chapainawabganj	Sadar upazila	2 people died	
September 21	Tangail	Paikpara union of Kalihati	1 died	<i>The Dhaka Tribune, 22 September, 2016</i>
Total			18 people died and 2 injured.	

GOB Responses in September

Response in Fire incidents: Each family of the dead in fire incident is donated BDT 20,000 and BDT 10,000 per affected family (NDRCC report, September 12).

Response in Lightning: BDT 30,000 has been given to the family of each dead and DBT 5000 has been given to the injured family by MoDRM (NDRCC Report, September 21).

Response in Launch Capsize: Each family of the dead people are given BDT 10,000 by MoDRM (The Daily Star, 24 September and The Daily Jugantor, September 22).

Conclusion

Disaster frequency was comparatively less in the month of September. But the impact of fire incident of Tongi, Gazipur was so devastating. As well, there were low intensity disasters in different parts of the country e.g. lightning, boat capsizing, launch capsizing. Amongst the disasters, the most severe one, fire incident of 11th September, was responded on priority basis by Government.