

Overview of Hazard Incidents in September 2017

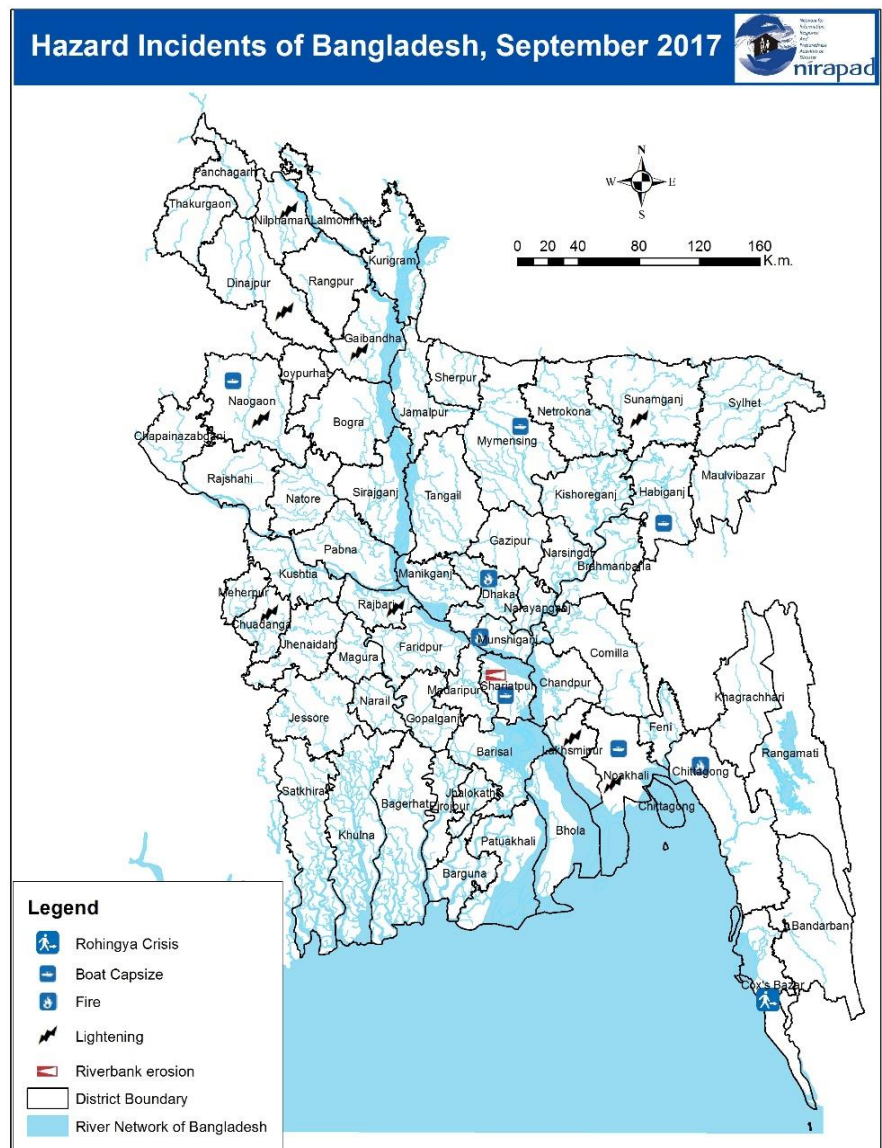
In September, 4 incidents occurred among which 2 were natural (riverbank erosion and lightning) and 2 were manmade (fire and boat/trawler capsizes). Incidents in September are low at number and almost all of these are localized in scale. Despite of being low in frequency, these incidents took 43 lives in 17 districts.

September, 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	1	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Note	Riverbank Erosion	Boat/Trawler Capsize	Lightning	Fire		

Of the 43 death, lightning took total 20 people's lives in 09 affected districts, boat/ trawler capsizes took total 16 people's lives and fire incidents took 7 people's lives in affected 03 districts. Almost 3,885 household, 4 Government primary school and 99 shops of the 3 upazilas of Shariatpur districts were wiped out due to riverbank erosion in this month.

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Hazard Incidents of Bangladesh, September 2017



Description of the Incidents in September 2017



Riverbank Erosion

Almost 3,885 households, 4 Government primary schools and 99 shops of the 3 upazilas (Janjira, Naria, Bhedarganj) at Shariatpur have been wiped out in the Padma river from September 01 - 16 due to riverbank erosion. The impact scenario of riverbank erosion is given in the below table:

Location		Impact	Source	Remark
District	Upazila/Thana			
Shariatpur	Janjira	3,885 households damaged, 4 Govt. schools and 99 shops damaged. Another 3 Government primary schools was in risk.	NDRCC Report, September 01 – 16, 2017	After the devastating flood of August water started decreasing in September. This tends continuing erosion of river bank in 3 upazilas of Shariatpur.
	Naria			
	Bhedarganj			



Boat/Trawler Capsize

6 incidents of boat/trawler capsized occurred in September 03th, 07th, 11th, and 18th in respectively Mymensingh, Naogaon, Habiganj, Shariatpur and Noakhali districts. About 16 people died, 2 injured and 16 people had been missing on these incidents. The details of the impact of boat capsized is given in the table below:

Date	Location		Impact	Source	Remark
	District	Upazila/Thana			
September 03	Mymensingh	Gafargaon	3 people died including two siblings.	The Daily Star September 05, 2017	The victims were returning home on a small boat after visiting their relatives in Dubail village when the boat suddenly sank with 6 passengers, at Sunday around 8:30 p.m.
	Naogaon	Porsha	1 people died.		In Sunday the incident occurred when a boat carrying the victim and sank at Hatigochha beel.
		Manda	1 people died.		A small boat carrying the victim capsized in Jutar beel at Sunday.
September 07	Habiganj	Habiganj Sadar	7 people died including 4 women and a child.	The Daily Star September 08, 2017	In Khowai river of Habiganj district a boat capsized in Lambabagh area of the river.
September 11	Shariatpur	Nariya	At least 16 people were missing.	The Daily Prothom Alo September 12, 2017	On Monday around 7 a.m. 3 launches anchored in a harbor of the Padma river sank after a bamboo bush used as a pontoon gave way due to strong current at Chairmanghat in Naria upazila. Locals and crew members of the launches claimed at least 16 people, including passengers and staff members, were missing.
September 18	Noakhali	Hatiya	4 people died and 2 were injured.	The Daily Prothom Alo September 19, 2017	The trawler capsized at Meghna river near Janata bazar of Nalerchar on Monday midnight. 6 fishermen were affected, among them 4 died. UNO said that victim's family will be assisted by Government of Bangladesh.
Total	5	6	16 died, 2 injured and 16 people were missing.		



Lightning

There were 12 lightning incidents in September, 2017. As for geographic spread, 09 districts namely Rajbari, Laxmipur, Noakhali, Sunamganj, Nilphamari, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Naogaon and Chuadanga had experienced lightning. These incidents caused death of 20 people and 10 people were injured. The impact scenario of lightning is given in the table below:

Table 04: Impact scenario of lightning, September 2017

Date	Location		Impact	Source	Remark	
	District	Upazila/Thana				
September 05	Rajbari	Baliakandi	2 people died.	<i>The Daily Star</i> September 07, 2017	The victims were fishing in different water bodies (Mashalia Beel and Puthir Beel) amidst rain when lightning took place.	
September 17	Laxmipur	Ramgati	1 people died and 2 were injured.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> September 17, 2017	The victims were fishing at Meghna river near Ashwini Khal while lightning took place at Sunday morning.	
	Noakhali	Hatiya	1 people died and 1 were injured.		In Koraliya village, a house got burnt due to lightening at Sunday morning. The victims were in that house.	
September 23	Sunamganj	Jagannathpur	2 people died including 1 student.	<i>The Daily Samakal</i> September 23, 2017	A student died due to lightening while going to school in Ghipura village. Same day, another people died in Kamalkhal village while fishing.	
	Nilphamari	Dimla	1 people died.		The victim died while fishing at Saturday morning due to lightening in Balapara union.	
	Dinajpur		Birol		6 people died and 6 people were injured.	12 farmers were working on field while rain started. All of them took shelter in a house when the lightening occurred and the house were burnt. Among them, 5 died. A child died while fishing in another village.
			Bochaganj		1 people died.	A couple was fishing while lightening occurred and the wife died.
			Chirirbandar		1 people died.	In Saturday morning while it was raining the victim was keeping her cow in safe place and suddenly the lightening took place.
			Khanshama		1 people died.	The victim was rearing cow in the field while the lightening took place.
	Gaibandha	Sundarganj	1 people died.		Lightning took place in Sreepur union. The victim was going back to home from market when the lightening took place.	
Naogaon	Raninagar	1 people died.	The victim was working in the field at Saturday afternoon when the lightning occurred at Gohelapur.			
September 25	Chuadanga	Alamdanga	2 people died.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> September 25, 2017	The victims were going to boat tour in Caygharia village Beel while lightning took place in Ailhash union at Monday evening.	
Total	9	12	20 died and 10 people were injured.			



Fire

There were 07 fire incidents in September, 2017. As for geographic spread, 03 districts (Dhaka, Chittagong and Munshiganj) experienced fire. Among the 07 incidents, 05 occurred in Dhaka. These incidents caused 07 people died and 11 people were burned. The overall impact scenario of fire is given in the table below:

Table 05: Detailed impact scenario of fire, September 2017					
Date	Location		Impact	Source	Remark
	District	Upazila/ Thana			
September 06	Chittagong	Chittagong City	No damage reported.	<i>The Daily Star</i> September 07, 2017	The fire started from the leakage of gas at the restaurant and soon spread to the adjacent shops around 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday.
September 20	Munshiganj	Munshiganj Sadar	6 people were killed.	<i>The Daily Dhaka Tribune</i> September 21, 2017	The fire had originated on the 4th floor of the 6-storey building of Ideal Textile Mill in Muktarpur around 10 am on Wednesday. The cause of the fire is yet to be confirmed, though there is suspicion that it could have originated from welding sparks.
September 22	Dhaka	Shyampur	5 people of a family were burned.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> September 22, 2017	A fire oriented at Friday mid night around 3 am. According to the fire service control room, the fire originated from explosion of gas line.
September 23		Savar	4 people were burned.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> September 23, 2017	On Saturday morning, one of the victims wanted to spark gas stove to cook at that time fire took place.
September 24		Badda	1 people died and 2 were burned.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> September 24, 2017	The fire originated from electric short circuit at a furniture factory around 4:00 am and soon spread to the adjacent house. The fire affected the house, mother died after taking hospital and 2 children were badly burnt.
September 27		Gulshan	No damage reported.	<i>The Daily Dhaka Tribune</i> September 28, 2017	The fire occurred at Wednesday night around 10.45 p.m. in 17-storey Building of Mohakhali Green Delta Life Insurance. According to Fire service officials, fire broke out on the 9th floor around 10.42 p.m. The reason behind fire could not be identified primarily.
September 28		Gulshan	No damage reported.	<i>The Daily Dhaka Tribune</i> September 28, 2017	In Gulshan fire took place at an office on Thursday morning. According to Fire service official, fire broke out on the 4 th floor of 6 th storey building around 8.25 a.m. The reason behind fire could not be identified primarily.
Total		3	7	7 died and 11 people were burned.	



Rohingya Crisis

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security personnel are being deployed to ensure law and order (Supplementary Appeal – Myanmar Refugee Emergency Response In Bangladesh, UNHCR).

Responses in September 2017

GoB Response in Fire

The Government of Bangladesh announced through District Administration to assist with BDT 20,000 to family of each victim in Munshiganj. (*The Daily Dhaka Tribune*, September 21, 2017)

GoB Response in Rohingya Refugee:

According to “Bangladesh: Humanitarian Response Plan - September 2017 / February 2018 - Rohingya Refugee Crisis, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator, Bangladesh” the Government has triggered wide response across Ministries and agencies, and on 14 September allocated 2,000 acres of Forestry land for the establishment of a new camp to the west of Kutupalong. The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief is coordinating the establishment of the new camp. The Government plans to relocate people from other settlements in Cox’s Bazar, and in Bandarban, to the new site.

The District Authority has established a mechanism for receiving and allocating private cash donations and has made efforts to curb the outpouring of private donations that have caused congestion and generated risk along the Kutupalong Road. The District health complex continues to provide essential support for people requiring urgent medical attention, receiving referrals from the humanitarian primary health facilities, and extending vaccination campaigns to cover new arrivals, with the Civil Surgeon establishing a district control room. The Department of Public Health Engineering has deployed resources to provide water in the spontaneous settlements. Local communities have been at the frontline of the response, providing food and basic items for new arrivals.

The National Task Force (NTF), chaired by the Foreign Secretary with participation from 22 Ministries and Agencies is monitoring the implementation of the national strategy and remains in place to oversee influx response. At district level, a District Task Force (DTF) is monitoring and coordinating the implementation of the strategy on the ground, led by the office of the Deputy Commissioner. The Military has deployed to Cox’s Bazar. The members of the Task Force include Ministries like MoHA, MDMR, MoCHTA, MoC and different line agencies like NGO Bureau, BBS, ERD, LGD as well as security and intelligence agencies (“Bangladesh: Humanitarian Response Plan - September 2017 / February 2018 - Rohingya Refugee Crisis, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator, Bangladesh”).

Conclusion

23 people died in 2 localized incidents of fire and boat/trawler capsized in September. Another natural incident lightning took lives of 20 people. Amongst these incidents, only 1 incident of fire in Munshiganj was announced to be responded by Government of Bangladesh. Other incidents were not responded by concerned authorities although causing huge casualties.