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## Hazard Incidents in Bangladesh, December 2019

#### **Overview of Hazard Incidents in December 2019**

In December 2019, four devastating hazards took place across Bangladesh i.e. fire, wild animal attack, building collapse and boat capsize.

Fire affected 13 districts, i.e. Nagaon, Dhaka, Chattogram, Nilphamari, Gazipur, Tangail, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Panchagarh, Gopalganj, Thakurgaon, Rangpur and Khulna with 43 incidents across the country in which 42 persons killed and 34 persons injured.

Four incidents of wild animal attack was reported in Cox's Bazar and Chattogram which killed four persons.

Three incidents of building collapse took place in Dhaka, Cumilla and Cox's Bazar in which three persons killed and 14 persons injured.

Boat capsize took place in Rajbari and Cox's Bazar with two incidents which killed four persons and 11 persons were missing.



Source: NDRCC Reports and National Dailies, December 2019

December 2019						
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### **Description of Hazard Incidents in December 2019**

#### **Fire**

13 districts i.e. Naogaon, Dhaka, Chattogram, Nilphamari, Gazipur, Tangail, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Panchagarh, Gopalganj, Thakurgaon, Rangpur and Khulna faced 48 incidents of fire in December 2019 which killed 42 persons killed and injured 34 persons; killed 7 cows and injured 1; burnt 119 houses, 45 shops, 6 godowns, 3 factories, 1 spinning mill, 5 buses, 1 truck, 1 restaurant, 600 maund paddy and 4,000 maund jute; damaged 1 foot over bridge; with a total reported estimated loss of BDT 3 crore 62.5 lakhs. Dhaka faced 17 incidents of fire, Chattogram faced nine and Gazipr faced seven incidents. In Keraniganj upazila Dhaka on December 11, 2019, 22 persons were killed and 12 persons were injured due to fire in a plastic factory. In another incident in Gazipur Sadar upazila on December 14, 2019, 10 persons were killed and two persons were injured due to a fire in a fan factory.

Table 1: Loss	Table 1: Loss & damage by fire in December 2019				
Date	Location			Source	
Date	District	Upazila/ Thana	Impact	Source	
December 01	Naogaon	Atrai	●1 godown burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 01, 2019	
December 01	Dhaka	Uttara	●1 cotton godown burnt	NDRCC report, December 01, 2019	
December02	Chattogram	Patia	●1 bus burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 02, 2019	
December 03	Dhaka	Panthapath	●1 foot over bridge damaged	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 04, 2019	
	Chattogram	Bandar	●7 persons injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 06, 2019	
December 05	Nilphamari	Nilphamari Sadar	●1 <i>jhut</i> godown burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 05, 2019	
December 03	Gazipur	Tongi	●1 spinning mill burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 05, 2019	
	Dhaka	Ashulia	●1 godown burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 05, 2019	
		Agragaon	●4 persons injured	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 07, 2019	
	Dhaka	Tejgaon	●2 buses burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 07, 2019	
December 07		Karwanbazar	<ul> <li>No impact reported</li> </ul>	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 07, 2019	
	Chattogram	Boalkhali	●1 person killed & 2 houses burnt ●Estimated loss of BDT 1.5 lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 07, 2019	
	Tangail	Bhuiyapur	●14 shops burnt ●Estimated loss of BDT 3 crore	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 10, 2019	
December 10	Chattogram	Patia	●5 persons injured & 1 shop burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 10, 2019	
	Dhaka	Keraniganj	●1 person killed & 4 shops burnt	NDRCC report, December 11, 2019	
	Dilaka	Savar	●1 truck burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 11, 2019	
	Niphamari	Joldhaka	●1 person injured	NDRCC report, December 11, 2019	
	Dhaka	Keraniganj	<ul><li>22 persons killed &amp; 12 persons injured</li></ul>	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 22, 2019	
December 11	Kurigram	Kurigram sadar	<ul><li>2 cows killed</li><li>17 houses &amp; 600 maund paddy burnt</li></ul>	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 11, 2019	
December 13	Dhaka	Uttor Badda	●1 foam factory burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 13, 2019	
	Chattogram	Bandar	•2 buses burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 14, 2019	
December 14		Bandar	●2 houses burnt ●Estimated loss of BDT 4 lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 14, 2019	
	Gazipur	Gazipur Sadar	•10 persons killed & 2 persons injured	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 16, 2019	
December 15	Chattogram	Chattogram Sadar	●Few houses burnt ●Estimated loss of BDT 5 lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 16, 2019	
	Dhaka	Ashilia	●1 factory burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 15, 2019	
		Katabon	●Some shops burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 15, 2019	
	Chattogram	Chattogram Sadar	<ul><li>1 restaurant burnt</li></ul>	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 16, 2019	
December 16		Chattogram Sadar	●1 coil factory burnt ●Estimated loss of BDT 2 lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 16, 2019	
	Dhaka	Rampura	•28 houses burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 16, 2019	
December 19	Gaibandha	Sundarganj	●1 person killed	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 26, 2020	
December 19	Gazipur	Sreepur	●1 house & 3 shops burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 19, 2020	
December 20	Gazipur	Sreepur	●1 person killed	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 23, 2020	
December 20	Panchagarh	Panchagarh Sadar	●1 person killed	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 27, 2019	
December 21	Gaibandha	Sadullapur	●1 person killed	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 26, 2019	

Date	Location				
	District	Upazila/ Thana	Impact	Source	
	Dhaka	Sadarghat	•3 persons injured & 1 godown burnt	NDRCC report, December 22, 2019	
December 22	Chattogram	Chattogram Sadar	•3 shops burnt •Estimated loss of BDT 5 lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 22, 2019	
	Gazipur	Gazipur Sadar	<ul><li>4 rooms of 1 house burnt</li></ul>	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 22, 2019	
December 25	Gopalganj	Kashiani	●5 cows killed & 1 injured ●Estimated loss of BDT 5 lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 26, 2019	
	Thakurgaon	Pirganj	●1 person killed & 3 houses burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 26, 2019	
December 27	Dhaka	Mirpur	•40 houses & 20 shops burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 27, 2019	
December 27		Hajaribagh	<ul> <li>No impact reported</li> </ul>	NDRCC report, December 27, 2019	
	Rangpur	Rangpur Sadar	●1 person killed	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 31, 2019	
December 28	Khulna	Khulna Sadar	●1 person killed & 5 houses burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 28, 2019	
December 28	Gazipur	Sreepur	●20 houses burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 28, 2019	
	Dhaka	Gulshan	●1 person killed	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 31, 2019	
December 29	Gazipur	Gazipur Sadar	●1 plastic godown burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 29, 2019	
December 30	Panchagarh	Boda	•4,000 mound jute burnt •Estimated loss of BDT 40 lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 30, 2019	
December 31	Dhaka	Keraniganj	No impact reported	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 31, 2019	
Total	42 persons killed & 34 persons injured; 7 cows killed & 1 injured; 119 houses, 45 shops, 6 godowns, 3 factories, 1 spinning mill, 5 buses, 1 truck, 1 foot over bridge, 1 restaurant, 600 maund paddy and 4,000 maund jute burnt; reported estimated loss of BDT 3 crore 62.5 lakhs				

#### Wild animal attack

Four incidents of wild animal attack took place in two districts i.e. Cox's Bazar and Chattogram in which wild elephants killed four persons. Among the four incidents, Chattogram faced three, in which three persons were killed by wild elephants coming to the localities from the hills in search of food.

Table 2: Loss & damage by wild animal attack in December 2019					
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Date	District	Upazila/ Thana	Impact	Source	
December 04	Cox's Bazar	Chakaria	●1 person killed	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 04, 2019	
December 07	Chattogram	Lohagora	●1 person killed	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 08, 2019	
December 11	Chattogram	Lohagora	●1 person killed	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 11, 2019	
December 16	Chattogram	Boalkhali	●1 person killed	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 16, 2019	
Total	4 persons killed				

#### **Building collapse**

Three incidents of building collapse took place in three district, i.e. Dhaka, Cumilla and Cox's Bazar which killed three persons and injured 14 persons. In Cumilla Sadar upazila on December 27, 2019, the roof of an under-construction building collapsed which killed one person and injured 10 persons.

Table 3: Loss & damage by building collapse in December 2019					
Date	Location		Impact	Source	
Date	District	Upazila/ Thana	Impact	Source	
December 10	Dhaka	Ashulia	●1 person killed & 2 injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 10, 2019	
December 27	Cumila	Cumilla Sadar	●1 person killed & 10 persons injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 27, 2019	
December 28	Cox's Bazar	Ramu	●1 person killed & 2 persons injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 28, 2019	
Total	3 persons killed & 14 person injured				

#### **Boat capsize**

Two incidents of boat capsize took place in two districts, i.e. Rajbari and Cox's Bazar which killed four persons and 11 persons were missing. A trawler drown in river Padma under Goalanda, Rajbari river on December 20, 2019 while crossing the river in which three persons were killed and one person was missing.

Table 4: Loss & damage by boat capsize in December 2019					
Date	Location		Impact	Source	
Date	District	<b>Upazila/ Thana</b>	Impact	Source	
December 20	Rajbari	Goalanda	•3 persons killed & 1 person missing	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 23, 2019	
December 27	Cox's Bazar Moheshkhali •1 person killed & 10 persons missing https://www.prothomalo.com, December 27, 2019				
Total	4 persons killed & 11 persons missing				

#### **GoB Response in February 2020**

Response to fire: The killed person's family received BDT 20,000 from the upazila administration of Keraniganj, Dhaka on December 10, 2019. Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief allocated BDT 1,000,000 for the affected people in the incidents and BDT 20,000 was given to the each injured person for treatment; Ministry of Labour provided BDT 50,000 to each injured persons for treatment with a total of BDT 900,000 in Keraniganj, Dhaka on December 11, 2019. BDT 25,000 was given to each killed person's family in Gazipur sadar upazila on December 15, 2019. BDT 10,000, blanket and dry food was given to the family by the upazila administration of Pirganj, Thakurgaon on December 25, 2019.

#### **Conclusion**

A total of four hazards took place in this month with several incidents across the country. These incidents caused a huge loss of lives and properties and disrupted daily activities of people. GoB took initiatives to minimize the losses and also undertook necessary actions to provide support to the distressed people.