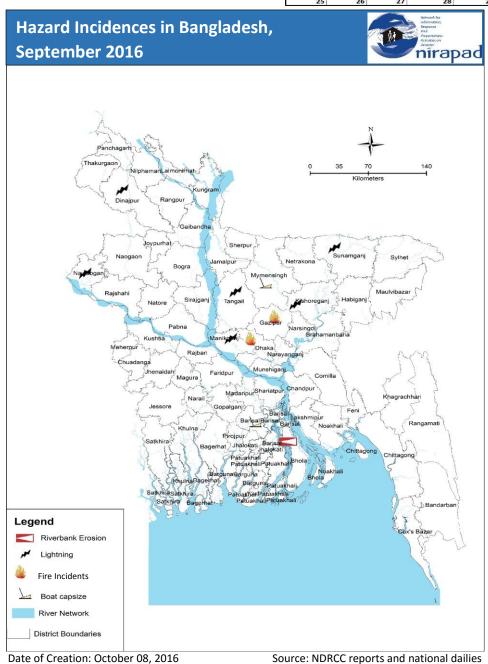
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Hazard Incidences in Bangladesh, September 2016

Overview of Hazard Incidences in September 2016

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





Description of the Hazard Incidences in September 2016

<u>Fire</u>

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	NDRCC Report, September 2, 2016		
September 11	Gazipur	Tongi	37 died10 missing35 injured	The Dhaka Tribune, September 12		
September 26	Dhaka	Mohakhali	No casualties were reported	The Dhaka Tribune, September 27		
	Gazipur	Sreepur	 One affected shop estimated damage of BDT 3 lac Another estimated damage is BDT 2.5 lac 	The Dhaka Tribune, September 27		
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 capsize 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 capsize 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 lightening occurrences have been reported on 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st. The impacts are reported below.

Table 3: Loss and damage by Lightening in September 2016						
Date	Location		Impact	Source		
	District	Upazila/ Thana				
September 18	Kishoreganj	Karimganj	2 people died	The Daily Prothom Alo, September 19		
September 19	Kishoreganj	Nikli	2 people died	The Daily Star, September 20		
	Kishoreganj	Karimganj	2 people died			
	Tangail	Aronkhola union of Madhupur	3 people died 1 injured			
September 20	Sunamganj	Salla	3 people died 1 is injured	NDRCC Report, September 21		
	Dinajpur	Parbotipur, Khanshama	2 people died			
	Manikganj	Saturia	1 people died			
	Chapainawabganj	Sadar upazila	2 people died			
September	Tangail	Paikpara union	1 died	The Dhaka Tribune, 22 September,		
21		of Kalihati		2016		
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 Lightening: 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. lightening, boat capsize, launch capsize. Amongst the disasters, the most severe one, fire incident of 11th September, was responded on priority basis by Government.