# Hazard Incidents in Bangladesh, December 2018



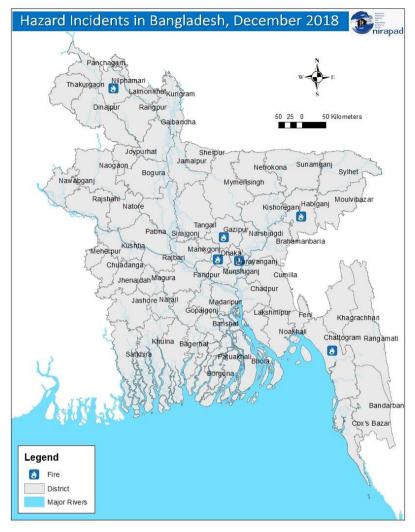
## Overview of Hazard Incidents in December, 2018

Fire was the only hazard in December with 16 incidents which took place in six districts correspondingly Dhaka, Gazipur, Chattogram, Narayanganj, Habiganj and Nilphamari. Among these, Dhaka faced the highest frequency of fire (five incidents).

Due to the incidents of fire, four persons were killed and 14 were injured. Also, four cows were killed along with seven cattle houses were burnt with a loss of BDT 800,000.

Along with this, it caused damage of properties including 18 houses and six shops, three garments factories and one plywood factory. The approximate loss of garments factories and the cotton mill is BDT 760,000,000 which covers the major portion of the overall financial losses due to the fire incidents i.e. BDT 761,050,000.

A maximum of three incidents took place in a day in two different districts on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Also a major incident took place on 29<sup>th</sup> December in Dhaka, where two children of the same family were killed and their parents got injured due to the fire.



Source: NDRCC Reports and National Dailies, December 2018

December 2018								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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2	3	4	5	<b>8</b> 6	7	8		
9	<b>8</b> 10	<b>8</b> 11	<b>8</b> 12	13	14	15		
16	17	18	<b>8</b> 19	20	21	22		
23	<b>8</b> 24	25	<b>8</b> 26	27	<b>8</b> 28	<b>8</b> 29		
30	31							
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## Description of the Hazard Incidents in December, 2018

#### <u>Fire</u>

Fire took place in six districts across the country in 12 days of the month. The highest number of incidents occurred in Dhaka district (five) correspondingly on 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December. In the second position in terms of frequency of incidents, there are Chattogram and Narayanganj with an occurrence of four incidents respectively. In two different incidents in Chattogram three *kutcha* houses burnt with an approximate loss of BDT 50,000 on 10<sup>th</sup> December. In a cotton mill of Habiganj, 15,000 belts of cotton burnt causing a huge loss of BDT 750,000,000 on 11<sup>th</sup> December. On 12<sup>th</sup> December, another two incidents took place in Chattogram causing death of four cows, burning of seven cattle houses, 10 houses, four shops and three mess houses with an approximate loss of BDT 1,000,000. Another significant incident took place in Narayanganj causing death of two persons and severely injuring seven persons on 28<sup>th</sup> December. In a devastating incident in Narayanganj on the same day 45,000 export quality cloths were burnt in a garments factory with an approximate loss of BDT 10,000,000. The most heart touching incident took place in Dhaka on 29<sup>th</sup> December causing death of two children and injured their parents.

Table 1: Loss & damage by fire in December 2018								
Date	Location							
	District	Upazila/ Thana	Impact	Source				
December 01	Dhaka	Ashulia	3 injured & 1 shop burnt	https://bangla.dhakatribune.com, December 01, 2018				
December 06	Dhaka	Uttarkhan	• 1 furniture shop & some tin- shed house burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 05, 2018				
December 07	Nilphamari	Saidpur	1 plywood factory burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 07, 2018				
December 10	Chattogram	Raozan	• 1 kutcha house burnt with loss of BDT 50,000	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 10, 2018				
		Mirsharai	• 2 kutcha houses burnt					
December 11	Habiganj	Madhabpur	<ul><li>15,000 belts of cotton burnt</li><li>Loss of BDT 75 crore</li></ul>	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 11, 2018				
December 12	Chattogram	Raozan	<ul><li>4 cows, 7 cattle houses, 10 houses &amp; 2 shops burnt</li><li>Loss of BDT 8 lacks</li></ul>	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 12, 2018				
		Chattogram Sadar	<ul> <li>2 semi-pucca shops, 3 mess houses burnt</li> <li>Loss of BDT 2 lacks</li> </ul>					
	Narayanganj	Narayanganj Sadar	No impact reported	NDRCC report, December 12, 2018				
December 19	Narayanganj	Fatullah	• 2 killed & 7 injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 20, 2018				
December 24	Gazipur	Sreepur	<ul> <li>Factory sheds, stored wares &amp; machines burnt</li> </ul>	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, December 24, 2018				
December 26	Dhaka	Kadamtali	• 2 injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 26, 2018				
December 28	Dhaka	Paltan	<ul> <li>No impact reported</li> </ul>	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 28, 2018				
	Narayanganj	Fatullah	• 45,000 export quality cloths burnt with loss of BDT 1 crore					
December 29	Dhaka	Jatrabari	• 2 killed & 2 injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, December 29, 2018				
December 30	Narayanganj	Rupganj	No impact reported	NDRCC report, December 30, 2018				
Total	4 persons killed & 14 injured, 4 cows killed; 7 cattle houses, 6 shops, 16 houses, 1 plywood factory, 1 spinning mill, 1 factory with stored wares & machines, 15,000 belts of cotton in a cotton mill, 45,000 export quality cloths burnt; a total loss of approximately BDT 761,050,000.							

## **GoB Responses in December 2018**

#### **Response to Fire:**

The Fire Service and Civil Defense immediately responded to control the fire incidents. However, GoB response to the victims was not reported.

### Conclusion

Fire was the only hazard of the month with several incidents. It caused a huge loss of lives and properties and disrupted daily activities of people. But no response was reported.