

## Overview of Hazard Incidents in October, 2019

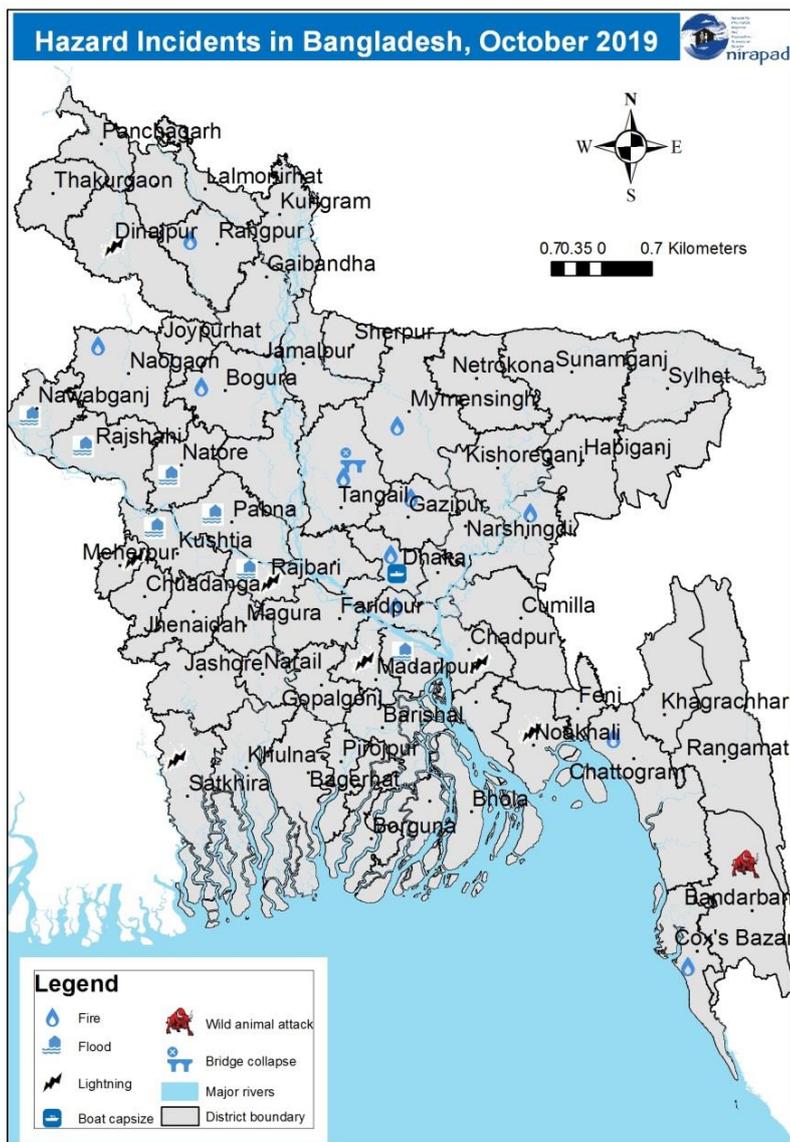
In October 2019, six hazards took place across Bangladesh including flood, fire, boat capsizes, lightning, bridge collapse and wild animal attack.

The most frequently occurred hazard of this month was fire with 16 incidents in 11 districts i.e. Dhaka, Tangail, Cox's Bazar, Brahmanbaria, Chattogram, Munshiganj, Gazipur, Naogaon, Bogura, Mymensingh and Rangpur across the country among which Gazipur and Dhaka faced four incidents each, correspondingly.

Flood has affected six districts, i.e. Rajshahi, Shariatpur, Kushtia, Rajbari, Chapai Nawabganj, Pabna and Natore in the first week of October 2019.

Lightning took place in seven districts, i.e. Chandpur, Madaripur, Meherpur, Rajbari, Dinajpur, Satkhira, and Noakhali with nine incidents.

Boat capsizes took place in Dhaka with two incidents. The only incident of wild animal attack took place in Bandarban and only incident of bridge collapse was reported in Tangail in this month.



Source: NDRCC Reports and National Dailies, October 2019

| October 2019  |  |  |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|   |  | <br>1             | <br>2    | <br>3       | <br>4               | 5   |
| <br>6  | <br>7     | 8  | <br>9    | 10   | 11   | 12  |
| 13  | 14   | <br>15            | 16  | 17   | 18   | <br>19                 |
| <br>20 | 21   | <br>22            | <br>23   | 24   | <br>25              | <br>26                 |
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## Description of the Hazard Incidents in October, 2019

### Flood

A sudden flood took place in 51 unions of 21 upazilas under six districts, i.e. Rajshahi, Shariatpur, Kushtia, Rajbari, Chapai Nawabganj, Pabna and Natore due to opening of gates in Farakka Barrage in October 2019 which killed one person, affected 40,315 households, damaged cropland of 9,796.55 hectares, 98,000 people marooned, five educational and 14 religious institutions damaged. The flood was not a prolonged one and impacts became less in the first week of October 2019.

| Districts        | Upazila/Thana          | Affected Unions | Affected HH | Cropland Damage (Ha) | Other Impacts  | Source   |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Rajshahi         | Poba                   | 6               | 8,192       | 192                  | • 5 educational & 13 religious institutions damaged  | NAWG Riverine Flood Situation Report, October 07,2019                                      |
|                  | Charghat               |                 |             |                      |  |  |
|                  | Bagha                  |                 |             |                      |  |  |
|                  | Godagari               |                 |             |                      |  |  |
|                  | Mahanagar              |                 |             |                      |  |  |
| Shariatpur       | Naria                  | 4               | 1,100       | 12                   | • 1 person killed<br>• 1 religious institution damaged   | NAWG Riverine Flood Situation Report, October 07,2019                                      |
|                  | Vedarganj              |                 |             |                      |  |  |
| Kushtia          | Doulatpur              | 9               | 15,875      | -                    | • 50,000 people marooned   | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 02, 2019     |
|                  | Kumarkhali             |                 |             |                      |  |  |
|                  | Bheramara              |                 |             |                      |  |  |
| Rajbari          | Rajbari Sadar          | -               | 6,798       | -                    | -  | NAWG Riverine Flood Situation Report, October 07,2019                                      |
|                  | Goalanda               |                 |             |                      |  |  |
|                  | Pangsha                |                 |             |                      |  |  |
|                  | Kamarkhali             |                 |             |                      |  |  |
| Chapai Nawabganj | Chapai Nawabganj Sadar | 18              | -           | 8,000                | • 42,000 people marooned   | <a href="https://www.dhakatribune.com">https://www.dhakatribune.com</a> , October 01, 2019 |
|                  | Shibganj               |                 |             |                      |  |  |
|                  | Gomastapur             |                 |             |                      |  |  |
| Pabna            | Ishwardi               | 11              | 5,350       | 1,592.55             | -  | NAWG Riverine Flood Situation Report, October 07,2019                                      |
|                  | Pabna Sadar            |                 |             |                      |  |  |
|                  | Sujanagar              |                 |             |                      |  |  |
| Natore           | Lalpur                 | 3               | 3,000       | -                    | • 6,000 people marooned  | <a href="https://www.dhakatribune.com">https://www.dhakatribune.com</a> , October 01, 2019 |
| <b>Total</b>     |                        | 51              | 40,315      | 9,796.55             | • 1 person killed<br>• 98,000 people marooned<br>• 5 educational & 14 religious institutions damaged |  |

### Fire

Fire took place in 11 districts, i.e. Dhaka, Tangail, Cox's Bazar, Brahmanbaria, Chattogram, Munshiganj, Gazipur, Naogaon, Bogura, Mymensingh and Rangpur with 16 incidents in October, 2019 which killed three persons, injured 11 persons, killed five goats; 125 shops, four *jhut* godowns, one cocksheets godown, 40 rooms of three buildings, furniture & HH items, foams & machines etc. burnt with an estimated loss of BDT 15 lakhs. Dhaka and Gazipur each faced four incidents of fire in October 2019. In Chattogram on October 19, 2019, a massive fire took place which killed two persons and 100 shops burnt.

| Table 2: Loss & damage by fire in October 2019 |  |                  |  |  |
|--|--|------------------|--|--|
| Date   | Location   |                  | Impact   | Source   |
|  | District   | Upazila/Thana    |  |  |
| October 01                                     | Dhaka  | Karwanbazar      | • No impact reported   | <i>NDRCC report</i> , October 01, 2019   |
| October 03                                     | Tangail  | Tangail Sadar    | • 40 rooms of 3 buildings burnt  | <a href="http://bangla.dhakatribune.com">http://bangla.dhakatribune.com</a> , October 03, 2019   |
| October 06                                     | Dhaka  | Badda            | • 1 person injured   | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 06, 2019           |
|  | Cox's Bazar  | Pekua            | • No impact reported   | <i>NDRCC report</i> , October 06, 2019   |
| October 09                                     | Brahmanbaria   | Nabinagar        | • 2 persons killed   | <i>NDRCC report</i> , October 11, 2019   |
| October 19                                     | Chattogram   | Chattogram Sadar | • 2 persons injured<br>• 100 shops burnt   | <a href="https://www.dhakatribune.com">https://www.dhakatribune.com</a> , October 19, 2019       |
| October 20                                     | Munshiganj   | Munshiganj Sadar | • 1 person injured   | <i>NDRCC report</i> , October 21, 2019   |
| October 22                                     | Gazipur  | Gazipur Sadar    | • Foams and machines burnt   | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 22, 2019           |
|  | Naogaon  | Naogaon Sadar    | • 1 person killed  | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 22, 2019           |
| October 23                                     | Gazipur  | Tongi            | • 25 shops burnt   | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 24, 2019           |
|  | Bogura   | Dhunot           | • 5 goats killed<br>• Furniture & HH items burnt<br>• Estimated loss of BDT 15 lakhs | <a href="https://bangla.dhakatribune.com">https://bangla.dhakatribune.com</a> , October 25, 2019 |
| October 25                                     | Dhaka  | S. Keraniganj    | • Furniture of a ship damaged  | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 25, 2019           |
| October 26                                     | Dhaka  | Dhanmondi        | • 1 person killed & 2 persons injured  | <i>NDRCC report</i> , October 27, 2019   |
| October 27                                     | Mymensingh   | Mymensingh Sadar | • 1 person injured<br>• Some cloth shops' material burnt                             | <i>NDRCC report</i> , October 29, 2019   |
| October 28                                     | Mymensingh   | Mymensingh Sadar | • 1 person killed<br>• 1 cocksheets godown burnt                                     | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 28, 2019           |
|  | Gazipur  | Gazipur Sadar    | • 2 persons injured  | <i>NDRCC report</i> , October 29, 2019   |
| October 29                                     | Rangpur  | Mithapukur       | • No impact reported   | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 29, 2019           |
| October 31                                     | Gazipur  | Gazipur Sadar    | • 4 <i>jhut</i> godown burnt   | <a href="https://www.kalerkantho.com">https://www.kalerkantho.com</a> , October 31, 2019         |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | 3 persons killed, 11 persons injured, 5 goats killed; 125 shops, 4 <i>jhut</i> godowns, 1 cocksheets godown, 40 rooms of 3 buildings, furniture & HH items, foams & machines etc. burnt with an estimated loss of BDT 15 lakhs |                  |  |  |

### **Wild Animal Attack**

A group of wild elephants attacked the some residents of Rohingya community while were working in the field in the Sualak union of Bandarban Sadar upazila in which one person killed on the spot. This is to mention here that Rohingya community people have been living in the Reisa and Sualak areas for a very long time (<https://bangla.dhakatribune.com>, October 02, 2019).

### **Boat Capsize**

Boat capsized took place in Dhaka with two incidents in October, 2019 which killed two persons and two persons missing. In Dhaka, on October 03, 2019, a boat drowned in Aftabnagar *jheel* which killed two persons.

| Table 3: Loss & damage by boat capsized in October 2019 |                                      |               |                     |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--|
| Date  | Location                             |               | Impact              | Source   |
|   | District                             | Upazila/Thana |                     |  |
| October 03  | Dhaka                                | Badda         | • 2 persons killed  | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 03, 2019   |
| October 06  | Dhaka                                | Sadarghat     | • 4 persons missing | <a href="https://www.kalerkantho.com">https://www.kalerkantho.com</a> , October 06, 2019 |
| <b>Total</b>  | 2 persons killed & 4 persons injured |               |                     |  |

### **Lightning**

Lightning took place in seven districts, i.e. Chandpur, Madaripur, Meherpur, Rajbari, Dinajpur, Satkhira, and Noakhali with nine incidents in October, 2019 which killed 14 persons and injured one person. The most heart touching incident of lightning took place in Chandpur on October 06, 2019 which killed four persons of the same family.

| Date         | Location                             |                 | Impact                               | Source   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|              | District                             | Upazila/Thana   |                                      |  |
| October 06   | Chandpur                             | Chandpur Sadar  | • 4 persons killed                   | <a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , October 06, 2019 |
|              | Madaripur                            | Madaripur Sadar | • 2 persons killed                   | NDRCC report, October 07, 2019   |
|              | Meherpur                             | Gangni          | • 1 persons killed                   | NDRCC report, October 07, 2019   |
|              | Rajbari                              | Baliakandi      | • 1 persons killed                   | NDRCC report, October 07, 2019   |
| October 07   | Dinajpur                             | Dinajpur Sadar  | • 1 person killed & 1 person injured | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 07, 2019   |
|              |                                      | Hakimpur        | • 1 persons killed                   |  |
|              | Satkhira                             | Shyamnagar      | • 1 persons killed                   | <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , October 07, 2019   |
|              |                                      | Debhata         | • 1 persons killed                   |  |
| October 09   | Noakhali                             | Hatia           | • 2 persons killed                   | NDRCC report, October 11, 2019   |
| <b>Total</b> | 14 persons killed & 1 person injured |                 |                                      |  |

### **Bridge Collapse**

The only incident of bridge collapse took place in Horijon Palli area under Tangail Sadar upazila where a bamboo bridge collapsed while crossing a lake beside Tangail District Jail in which one person killed and six persons injured (<https://www.prothomalo.com>, October 15, 2019).

### **GoB Response in October 2019**

**Response to flood:** Government of Bangladesh has responded to the flood affected districts immediately by allocating GR cash and rice and distributing these to the affected people including dry food where needed through Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR). The total allocation of GR cash, GR rice dry food, tent, tin and cash for shelter materials to the flood affected districts are given in the table below:

| District         | GR Cash (BDT)  | GR Rice (MT) | Dry Food (Packet) | Tin (Bundles) | Cash for shelter materials (BDT) |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Rajshahi         | 655,000        | 92.6         | 4,133             | 152           | 456,000                          |
| Shariatpur       | -              | -            | -                 | -             | -                                |
| Kushtia          | -              | -            | -                 | -             | -                                |
| Rajbari          | -              | 43.9         | 59                | -             | -                                |
| Chapai Nawabganj | 200,000        | 100          | 1,400             | -             | -                                |
| Pabna            | -              | 20           | 1,425             | -             | -                                |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>855,000</b> | <b>256.5</b> | <b>7,017</b>      | <b>152</b>    | <b>456,000</b>                   |

Source: NAWG Flood Situation Report, October 07, 2019

**Response to fire:** BDT 50,000 has been allocated for the affected families in Nabinagar upazila under Brahmanbaria district on October 09, 2019. BDT 20,000 has been given to the killed person's family in Dhanmondi, Dhaka on October 26, 2019.

### **Conclusion**

The hazards that took place in this month, caused a huge loss of lives and properties and disrupted daily activities of people. GoB response was reported for fire and flood. No response was reported for the other hazards occurred in this month.