

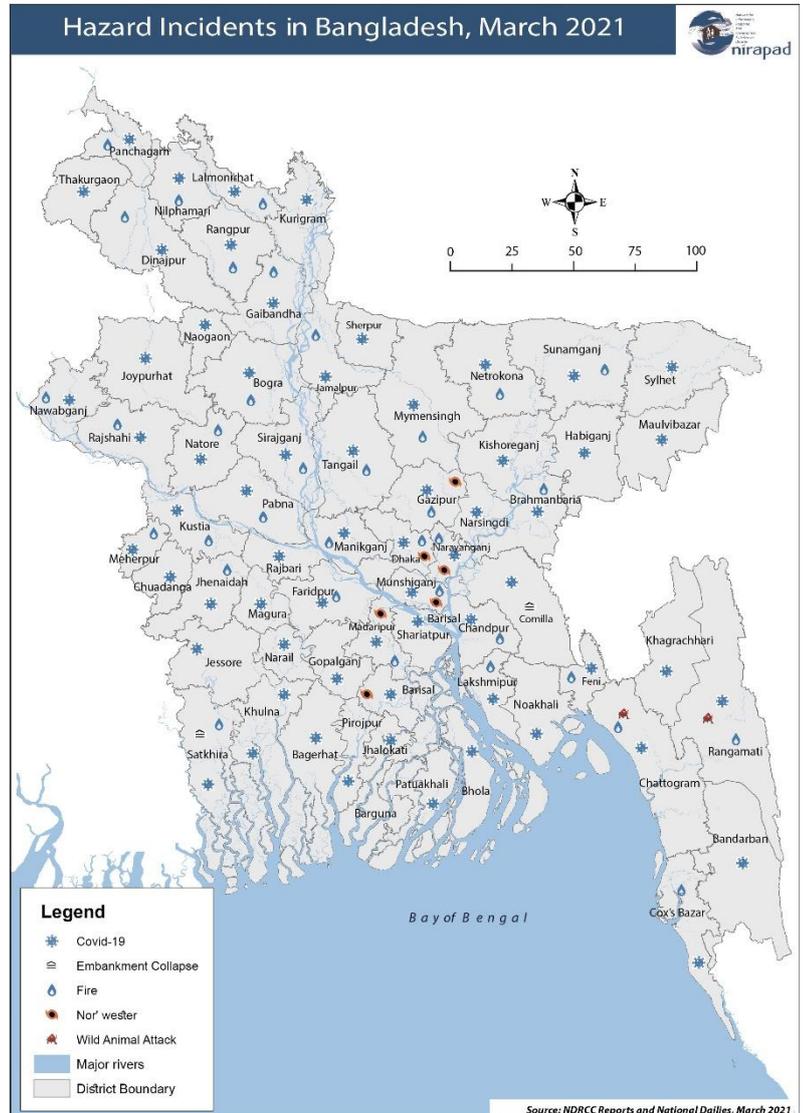


Overview of Hazard Incidences in March 2021

In March 2021, five devastating hazards took place across Bangladesh i.e. Covid-19 pandemic, embankment collapse, fire, nor'wester and wild animal attack. Covid-19 affected a total of 68,032 persons across the country among which 667 persons died and 48,261 persons recovered in March, 2021.

NDRCC reported total 1,156 fire incidents throughout the country among which Dhaka division faced 307 incidents, Khulna division faced 241 incidents and Chattogram division faced 164 incidents of fire in March 2021. However, from NDRCC Daily Disaster Reports and different dailies, detailed information of 66 fire incidents were found in which 34 people died, 103 people were injured and damage and losses cost approximately BDT 16 Crore 12.5 Lakhs.

Nor'wester has blown over 7 districts with 2 incidents. A river embankment collapsed in Satkhira district. Wild Elephant attacked in 2 districts of Chattogram division i.e. Chattogram and Rangamati districts in which 2 people were killed.

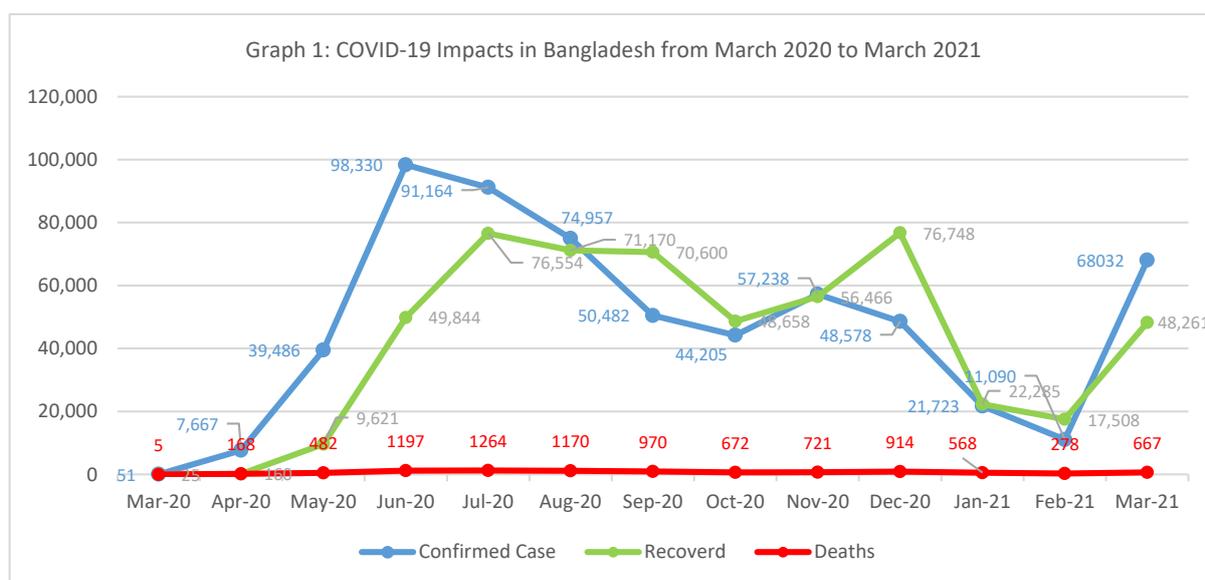


Monthly Hazard Incidences Calendar: March 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	22	24	25	26	27
28	29	  	31			
Index		 COVID 19	 Fire	 Nor'wester	 Wild Animal Attack	 Embankment Collapse

Description of Hazard Incidents in March 2021

Covid-19 Pandemic in Bangladesh

The Covid-19 pandemic had affected with high impacts throughout this month in all the 64 districts across Bangladesh. In March 2021, the infected rate was high in Moulvibazar district. The number of identified patients with Covid-19 was 68,032 among which 48,261 persons recovered and 667 persons died. From the very first case identified in March 8, 2020, the total number of Covid-19 patients is 611,295 among which 9,046 persons died and 542,399 persons recovered up to March, 2021. Though the government has taken 18 initiatives to minimize movement of people, the situation may become worsen if health guidelines by the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) are not maintained properly. **(See Annex-1 for more details).**



Source: <https://corona.gov.bd>

Fire

From NDRCC Daily Disaster Reports and different dailies, detailed information of 66 fire incidents was found among which 21 fire incidents occurred in Dhaka, Faridpur, Narayanganj, Madaripur, Manikganj, Gazipur and Tangail districts of Dhaka division in which 6 incidents occurred only in Gazipur district. 13 incidents were found in Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Feni, Rangamati and Brahmanbaria districts of Chattogram division which 18 people died. More than 10,000 houses of Rohingya camps were burnt totally. **(See Annex-2 for Upazila wise details).**

Table 1: Fire incidences of March 2021

Division	No. of incidents	Impacts
Dhaka	307	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 people died and 18 were injured • 96 houses and 78 shops burnt • 6 factories burnt • 1 jute warehouse burnt • 1 slum burnt • Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 11 Crore 4.5 Lakhs
Chattogram	164	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 people died and 50 were injured • 10,026 houses, 7 shops and 3 factories burnt • Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 26 Lakhs
Khulna	241	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 person died • 7 houses and 5 shops burnt • Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 80 Lakhs

Barisal	164	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No impact was found
Mymensingh	71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 person died and 8 were injured 1 house and 5 shops burnt Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 28 Lakhs
Rajshahi	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 people died and 4 were injured 14 house, 8 shops and 4 factories burnt Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 5 Crore 32 Lakhs
Rangpur	78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 person injured 60 houses and 29 shops burnt 4 cows and 6 goats died Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 1 Crore 25 Lakhs
Sylhet	51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 shops burnt Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 30 Lakhs
<i>Source: NDRCC Daily Disaster Reports and National Dailies</i>		

Wild Animal Attack

One incident of wild elephant attack happened in Lohagara upazila of Chattogram district on March 7, 2021 in which 1 person was killed (Source: www.jagonews24.com, March 7, 2021). Another happened in Kaptai upazila of Rangamati district on March 11, 2021 in which 1 person was killed (Source: www.dhakatribune.com, March 11, 2021).

Nor'wester

Nor'wester took place in 6 districts i.e. Dhaka, Narayanganj, Gazipur, Munshiganj, Madaripur and Barisal on March 13, 2021 (Source: <https://www.prothomalo.com>, March 13, 2021). Hundreds of semi-furnished and raw houses, trees, electric poles have been damaged in Habiganj Sadar of Habiganj district by Nor'wester that took place on March 30, 2021. Several houses were also destroyed in Tegharia and Sealdaria villages of Habiganj Sadar (Source: <https://www.jagonews24.com>, March 31, 2021).

Embankment Collapse:

Kholpetua river embankment of Asashuni upazila of Satkhira district has collapsed on March 30, 2021. More than 400 families have been stranded due to it. A few gher drowned away (Source: <https://www.jagonews24.com>, March 30, 2021).

GoB Response in March 2021

Response to Covid-19 up to March 31, 2021:

From February 7, 2021 to March 31, a total 5,319,679 doses of vaccines were given. GoB has taken 18 initiatives on March 29, 2021 to tackle the transmission of Corona Virus (COVID-19). The mass people have been guided to maintain social distance in workplaces, public transports, and religious institutions and avoid any kind of public gatherings. It was guided that no more than 50% passenger capacity can be transported in Public transports. All the seminars, meeting and trainings should be organized through virtual platform. DGHS and IEDCR have undertaken necessary steps to test Covid-19 suspected patients in the test labs across the country. A total of 9,911 general beds, 578 Intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 13,494 Oxygen cylinders, 980 high flow nasal cannula, and 843 oxygen concentrators are available in the hospitals across the country. DGHS and IEDCR have opened up hotline number (i.e. 16263, 333, 10655, 01927711784, 01927711785, 01937000011, and 01937110011) for consultation with doctors through phone calls which already have attended 2,68,79,816 phone calls. (Source: <https://corona.gov.bd>, March 31, 2021).

Response to Fire:

Government responded to three incidents of fire.

- Each affected family received BDT 3,000 cash support, rice, pulse, oil, dry foods and blanket in Alatuli char of Nawabganj district on March 2, 2021 (Source: <https://www.thedailystar.net/banqla>, March 3, 2021).
- Each of the affected families received financial support and foods in Ramganj upazila of Lakshmipur district on March 14, 2021 (Source: <https://www.prothomalo.com>, March 24, 2021).
- The affected Rohingya families received dry foods and were moved to other camps after fire on March 22, 2021 (Source: <https://www.prothomalo.com>, March 22, 2021).

Response to Embankment Collapse:

2000 Synthetic bags were given to repair the embankment. To prevent water flow entering the locality a ring dam was being build.

Conclusion

A total of five 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.

Annex-1: COVID 19 impacts in Bangladesh in March 2021

Date	Confirmed Cases	Recovered	Deaths
March 01	585	873	8
March 02	515	894	7
March 03	614	936	5
March 04	619	841	7
March 05	635	676	6
March 06	540	822	10
March 07	606	1037	11
March 08	845	1117	14
March 09	712	1229	13
March 10	1018	1264	7
March 11	2117	2559	19
March 12	1066	1252	13
March 13	1014	1138	12
March 14	1159	1385	18
March 15	1773	1432	26
March 16	1719	1352	26
March 17	4052	3044	27
March 18	2187	1534	16
March 19	1899	1618	18
March 20	1868	1577	26
March 21	2172	1687	22
March 22	2809	1754	30
March 23	3554	1835	18
March 24	3467	1915	25
March 25	3587	1985	34
March 26	3737	2057	33
March 27	3674	1971	39
March 28	3908	2019	35
March 29	5181	2077	45
March 30	5042	2162	45
March 31	5358	2219	52
Total in March,2021	68,032	48,261	667
Total in February 2021	11,090	17,508	278
Total in January 2021	21,723	22,285	568
Total in December 2020	48,578	76,748	914
Total in November 2020	57,238	56,466	721
Total in October 2020	44,205	48,658	672
Total in September 2020	50,482	70,600	970
Total in August 2020	74,957	71,170	1,170
Total in July 2020	91,164	76,554	1,264
Total in June 2020	98,330	49,844	1,197
Total in May 2020	39,486	9,621	482
Total in April 2020	7,667	160	168
Total in March 2020	51	25	5
Grand Total as of March,2021	611,295	542,399	9,046

Annex-2 Fire hazard incidences in Bangladesh, March 2021

Date	Location			Impact	Source
	Division	District	Upazila /Thana		
March 1, 2021	Chattogram	Chattogram	Chattogram Sadar	1 Jute factory totally burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 2, 2021
	Dhaka	Madaripur	Sibchar	1 child died	https://banqla.bdnews24.com , March 1, 2021
		Faridpur	Madhukhali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6 shops totally burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 1 Crore 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 01, 2021
March 2, 2021	Dhaka	Dhaka	Dakshin Khan	1 cotton factory burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 2, 2021
	Rangpur	Rangpur	Rangpur Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15 shops totally burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 1 Crore 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 2, 2021
	Rajshahi	Nawabganj	Nawabganj	12 houses totally burnt	https://www.thedailystar.net/bangla , March 3, 2021
	Khulna	Satkhira	Kolaroa	3 shops and 1 house totally burnt	https://banqla.bdnews24.com , March 2, 2021
	Sylhet	Sunamganj	Dharampasa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7 shops totally burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 20 Lakhs 	
March 3, 2021	Chattogram	Chattogram	Kalurghat	1 food factory burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 4, 2021
	Dhaka	Narayanganj	Fatulla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 25 shops totally burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 1 Crore 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 3, 2021
		Gazipur	Sreepur	6 shops burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 4, 2021
March 4, 2021	Khulna	Jhenaidaha	Harinakundu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15-20 bighas land of betel leaves burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 30 Lakhs 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 5, 2021
	Rangpur	Dinajpur	Bochaganj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 19 houses totally burnt ▪ 4 cows and 6 goats died 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 5, 2021
March 5, 2021	Dhaka	Dhaka	Moghbarar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 person got injured ▪ 6 shops & 1 hotel burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 1.5 Lakhs 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 5, 2021
	Chattogram	Feni	Feni	2 person died	https://banqla.bdnews24.com , March 6, 2021
March 6, 2021	Chattogram	Rangamati	Rangamati Sadar	20 houses totally burnt	https://banqla.bdnews24.com , March 6, 2021
	Dhaka	Gazipur	Sreepur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 garment factory partially burnt ▪ 1 person died ▪ 22 person injured 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 6, 2021
	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	Bagmara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 cow houses totally burnt ▪ 1 cow died 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 07, 2021

Date	Location			Impact	Source
	Division	District	Upazila /Thana		
March 7, 2021	Dhaka	Narayanganj	Rupganj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mosque partially burnt Damages cost BDT 3 Lakhs 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 7, 2021
		Gazipur		1 packaging Industry burnt	https://ban gla.bdnews24.com , March 7,2021
	Khulna	Meherpur	Gangni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 shops totally burnt Damages cost BDT 50 Lakhs 	https://ban gla.bdnews24.com , March 7,2021
March 8, 2021	Dhaka	Narayanganj		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 person injured 2 person died 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 12, 2021
	Rangpur	Panchagar	Panchagar sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 houses burnt Damages cost BDT 15 Lakhs 	
March 9, 2021	Rajshahi	Pabna	Pabna Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 drug industry partially burnt Damages cost BDT 5 Crore 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 09, 2021
March 11, 2021	Dhaka	Manikganj	Shibalay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 house burnt 1 pregnant women died 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 11, 2021
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Kolabagn	Fire at slum	https://www.thedailystar.com , March 11, 2021
	Rajshahi	Natore	Bagatipara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 shop totally burnt Damages cost BDT 3 Lakhs 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 11, 2021
	Chattogram	Brahmanbaria	Sarail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 house and 1 cow house totally burnt 3 cows died Damages cost BDT 6 Lakhs 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 12, 2021
March 13, 2021	Rajshahi	Bagura	Bagura Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 person died 1 coil factory burnt Damages cost BDT 4 Lakhs 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 13, 2021
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Savar	1 person died	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 14, 2021
		Gazipur	Gazipur		3 person injured
March 14, 2021	Chattogram	Lakshmipur	Ramgonj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 mentally handicapped women died 2 houses totally burnt Damages cost BDT 10 Lakhs 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 14, 2021
	Dhaka	Tangail	Mirjapur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 shops burnt totally Damages cost BDT 1 Crore 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 15, 2021
March 15, 2021	Chattogram	Cox's Bazar	Chokoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 child died 1 house totally burnt 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 16, 2021

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	Division	District	Upazila /Thana			
March 17, 2021	Dhaka	Dhaka	Savar	80 houses totally burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 17, 2021	
		Dhaka	Ramna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fire at hospital ▪ 4 person died 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 17, 2021	
	Rangpur	Nilphamari	Syedpur	11 shops totally burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 18, 2021	
March 18, 2021	Mymensingh	Netrokona	Kendua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 shops totally burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 25 Lakhs 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 18, 2021	
	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	Bagmara	1 house totally burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 18, 2021	
March 20, 2021	Dhaka	Gazipur		1 factory burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 20, 2021	
March 21, 2021	Mymensingh	Jalalpur	Jalalpur Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 person died ▪ 6 person injured ▪ 1 house totally burnt 	NDRCC Report, March 22, 2021	
	Rangpur	Rangpur Sadar		1 person got injured	NDRCC Report, March 22, 2021	
	Chattogram	Chattogram	Bashkhali	1 person died	NDRCC Report, March 22, 2021	
March 22, 2021	Chattogram	Cox's Bazar	Ukhia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11 people died ▪ 50 people injured ▪ 10,000 houses totally burnt 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 24, 2021	
	Rajshahi	Bagura	Nandigram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10 houses totally burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 25 Lakhs 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 23, 2021	
		Sirajganj	Sirajganj Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 person died ▪ 1 person injured ▪ 1 cotton warehouse burnt 	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 22, 2021	
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Motijheel		No impact recorded	NDRCC Report March 23, 2021
		Dhaka	Badamatali		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 plastic factory burnt ▪ 2 people got injured 	NDRCC Report March 23, 2021
March 23, 2021	Chattogram	Chandpur	Faridganj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 shops totally burnt and 2 shops partially burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 10 Lakhs 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 24, 2021	
	Dhaka	Gazipur		1 jute warehouse burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 23, 2021	
		Faridpur	Faridpur Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 jute industry partially burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 3 Crore 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 23, 2021	
		Munshiganj	Sirajdikhan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 house totally burnt 	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 23, 2021	

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	Division	District	Upazila /Thana		
				▪ 1 person died	
	Chattogram	Chattogram	Chandgaon	7 shops totally burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 23, 2021
	Mymensingh	Mymensingh	Nandail	▪ 1 school partially burnt ▪ Damages cost BDT 3 Lakh	https://www.jagonews24.com , March 24, 2021
	Rangpur	Gaibanda	Gaibanda Sadar	1 women died	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 24, 2021
March 24, 2021	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	Rajshahi Sadar	▪ 1 cotton warehouse burnt ▪ 3 people got injured	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 24, 2021
March 25, 2021	Dhaka	Gazipur	Tongi	▪ 1 cotton warehouse burnt ▪ 30 shops burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 25, 2021
		Faridpur	Faridpur Sadar	▪ 13 shops burnt totally ▪ Damages cost BDT 2 Crore ▪ 2 people got injured	https://www.prothomalo.com , March 25, 2021
		Madaripur	Shibchar	▪ 1 house burnt ▪ 1 person got injured	NDRCC Report, March 26, 2021
March 27, 2021	Dhaka	Narayanganj	Bandar	5 person got injured	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , March 27,2021
	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	Rajshahi Sadar	1 person died	NDRCC Report, March 28, 2021
	Chattogram	Cox's Bazar	Teknaf	1 house partially burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , March 28,2021
March 28, 2021	Khulna	Kustia	Moddopara	1 person died	NDRCC Report, March 29, 2021
March 29, 2021	Chattogram	Cox's Bazar	Maheshkhali	3 motorbike and 1 car burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , March 29,2021
March 30, 2021	Chattogram	Feni	Feni Sadar	1 plastic warehouse burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , March 30,2021
	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	Ganakpara	1 cotton warehouse burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , March 30,2021
	Rangpur	Lalmonirhat	Kaliganj	▪ 6 houses burnt totally ▪ Damages cost BDT 10 Lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , March 30,2021
March 31, 2021	Mymensingh	Mymensingh	Mymensingh Sadar	2 child got injured	NDRCC Report, April 1, 2021