

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.

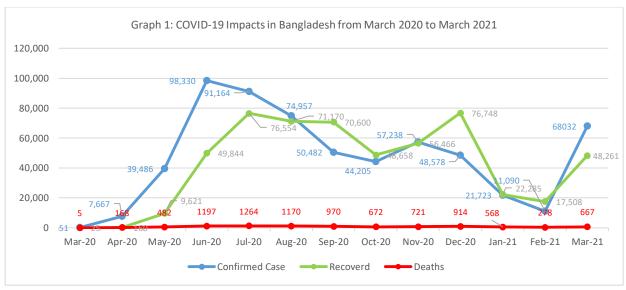


Monthly Hazard Incidences Calendar: March 2021								
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Index		COVID 19	Fire	Nor'wester	Wild Animal Attack	Embankment Collapse		

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 Moulovibazar 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 Rohinga 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	 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	 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	 1 person died 7 houses and 5 shops burnt Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 80 Lakhs 					
Barisal	164	No impact was found					

Mymensingh	 1 person died and 8 were injured 1 house and 5 shops burnt Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 28 Lakhs
Rajshahi	 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	 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	 7 shops burnt Total damage and losses cost approx. BDT 30 Lakhs Source: NDRCC Daily Disaster Reports and National Dailies

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 drenched 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/bangla, 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 Rohinga families received dry foods and were moved to other camps after fire on March 22, 2021 (Source: https://www.prothomalo.com, March 22, 2021).
- 126 affected Rohinga families (In Cox's Bazar District) received 3 bundles of corrugated iron sheet per family and for each bundle they also received BDT 3,000 taka for maintenance cost (Source: NDRCC Daily Disaster Report, April 7, 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 (*Source: https://www.jagonews24.com, March 30. 2021*).

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

Table 1: Impacts of COVID-19 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 12	2117	2559	19				
March 12	1066	1252	13				
March 14	1014 1159	1138 1385	12 18				
March 14 March 15	1773	1432	26				
March 16	1773	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	278 568				
Total in January 2021 Total in December 2020	21,723	22,285	914				
Total in November 2020	48,578 57,238	76,748 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

Table 2: Impacts of fire hazard in 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		
		Madaripur	Sibchar	1 child died	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, March 1, 2021		
	Dhaka	Faridpur	Madhukhali	■ 6 shops totally burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 01, 2021		
				■ Damages cost BDT 1 Crore			
March 2, 2021	Dhaka	Dhaka	Dakshin Khan	1 cotton factory burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com,March 2, 2021		
	Rangpur	Rangpur	Rangpur Sadar	■ 15 shops totally burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com,March 2, 2021		
				Damages cost BDT 1 Crore			
	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://bangla.bdnews24.com, March 2, 2021		
	Sylhet	Sunamganj	Dharampasa	■ 7 shops totally burnt			
	6 1	01	W 1	■ 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	 25 shops totally burnt 	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 3, 2021		
		Gazipur	Sreepur	Damages cost BDT 1 Crore6 shops burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 4, 2021		
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March 4, 2021	Khulna	Jhenaidaha	Harinakundu	 15-20 bighas land of betel leaves burnt 	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 5, 2021		
				■ Damages cost BDT 30 Lakhs			
	Rangpur	Dinajpur	Bochaganj	■ 19 houses totally burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 5, 2021		
	Kangpai	Біпајраі	Dochaganj	■ 4 cows and 6 goats died	nttps://www.jagonewsz-4.com, Waren 3, 2021		
March 5, 2021	Dhaka	Dhaka	Moghbazar	■ 1 person got injured	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 5, 2021		
				■ 6 shops & 1 hotel burnt			
				■ Damages cost BDT 1.5 Lakhs			
	Chattogram	Feni	Feni	2 person died	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, March 6,2021		
March 6, 2021	Chattogram	Rangamati	Rangamati Sadar	20 houses totally burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, March 6,2021		
	Dhaka	Gazipur	Sreepur	1 garment factory partially	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 6, 2021		
				burnt			
				■ 1 person died			
				22 person injured			

	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	Bagmara	3 cow houses totally burnt1 cow died	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 07, 2021
March 7, 2021	Dhaka	Narayanganj	Rupganj	1 Mosque partially burntDamages cost BDT 3 Lakhs	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 7, 2021
		Gazipur		1 packaging Industry burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, March 7,2021
	Khulna	Meherpur	Gangni	5 shops totally burntDamages cost BDT 50 Lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, March 7,2021
March 8, 2021	Dhaka	Narayanganj		4 person injured2 person died	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 12, 2021
	Rangpur	Panchagar	Panchagar sadar	22 houses burntDamages cost BDT 15 Lakhs	
March 9, 2021	Rajshahi	Pabna	Pabna Sadar	1 drug industry partially burntDamages cost BDT 5 Crore	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 09, 2021
March 11, 2021	Dhaka	Manikganj	Shibalay	1 house burnt1 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	1 shop totally burntDamages cost BDT 3 Lakhs	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 11, 2021
	Chattogram	Brahmanbaria	Sarail	 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	1 person died1 coil factory burntDamages 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	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 13, 2021
March 14, 2021	Chattogram	Lakshmipur	Ramgonj	 1 mentally handicapped women died 2 houses totally burnt Damages cost BDT 10 Lakhs 	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 14, 2021
	Dhaka	Tangail	Mirjapur	5 shops burnt totallyDamages cost BDT 1 Crore	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 15, 2021
March 15, 2021	Chattogram	Cox's Bazar	Chokoria	3 child died1 house totally burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 16, 2021

March 17, 2021		Dhaka	Savar	80 houses totally burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 17, 2021
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Ramna	• Fire at hospital	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 17, 2021
	Diiaka	Dilaka	Namma	• 4 person died	nttps://www.protnomalo.com, Waren 17, 2021
	Rangpur	Nilphamari	Syedpur	11 shops totally burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 18, 2021
March 18, 2021	Mymensingh	Netrokona	Kendua	5 shops totally burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 18, 2021
	,			■ Damages cost BDT 25 Lakhs	
	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	Bagmara	1 house totally burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 18, 2021
March 20, 2021	Dhaka	Gazipur	J	1 factory burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 20, 2021
March 21, 2021	Mymensingh	Jamalpur	Jamalpur Sadar	■ 1 person died	NDRCC Report, March 22, 2021
				■ 6 person injured	
				1 house totally burnt	
	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	■ 11 people died	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 24, 2021
				50 people injured	
				10,000 houses totally burnt	
	Rajshahi	Bagura	Nandigram	10 houses totally burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 23, 2021
				Damages cost BDT 25 Lakhs	
		Sirajganj	Sirajganj Sadar	1 person died	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 22, 2021
				1 person injured	
				1 cotton warehouse burnt	
		Dhaka	Motijheel	No impact recorded	NDRCC Report March 23, 2021
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Badamatali	1 plastic factory burnt	NDRCC Report March 23, 2021
	ol			2 people got injured	// 24 1.24.2024
March 23, 2021	Chattogram	Chandpur	Faridganj	■ 5 shops totally burnt and 2	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 24, 2021
				shops partially burnt Damages cost BDT 10 Lakhs	
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		Gazipur	E. C. L. C. J.	1 jute warehouse burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 23, 2021
	Dhaka	Faridpur	Faridpur Sadar	■ 1 jute industry partially burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 23, 2021
		Munchigani	Ciraidikhan	■ Damages cost BDT 3 Crore	https://www.iggopows24.com. March 22, 2024
		Munshiganj	Sirajdikhan	1 house totally burnt1 person died	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 23, 2021
	Chattogram	Chattogram	Chandgaon	7 shops totally burnt	https://www.jagonews24.com, March 23, 2021
	Cilattograffi	Cilattografil	Chanugaon	7 Shops totally burnt	intips.//www.jugonews24.com, March 25, 2021

	Mymensingh	Mymensingh	Nandail	1 school partially burntDamages 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 burnt3 people got injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 24, 2021
March 25, 2021	Dhaka	Gazipur	Tongi	1 cotton warehouse burnt30 shops burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 25, 2021
		Faridpur	Faridpur Sadar	13 shops burnt totallyDamages cost BDT 2 Crore2 people got injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, March 25, 2021
		Madaripur	Shibchar	1 house burnt1 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
	Chattogram	Feni	Feni Sadar	1 plastic warehouse burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, March 30,2021
March 30, 2021	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	Ganakpara	1 cotton warehouse burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, March 30,2021
	Rangpur	Lalmonirhat	Kaliganj	6 houses burnt totallyDamages 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