

Overview of Hazard Incidents in April, 2019

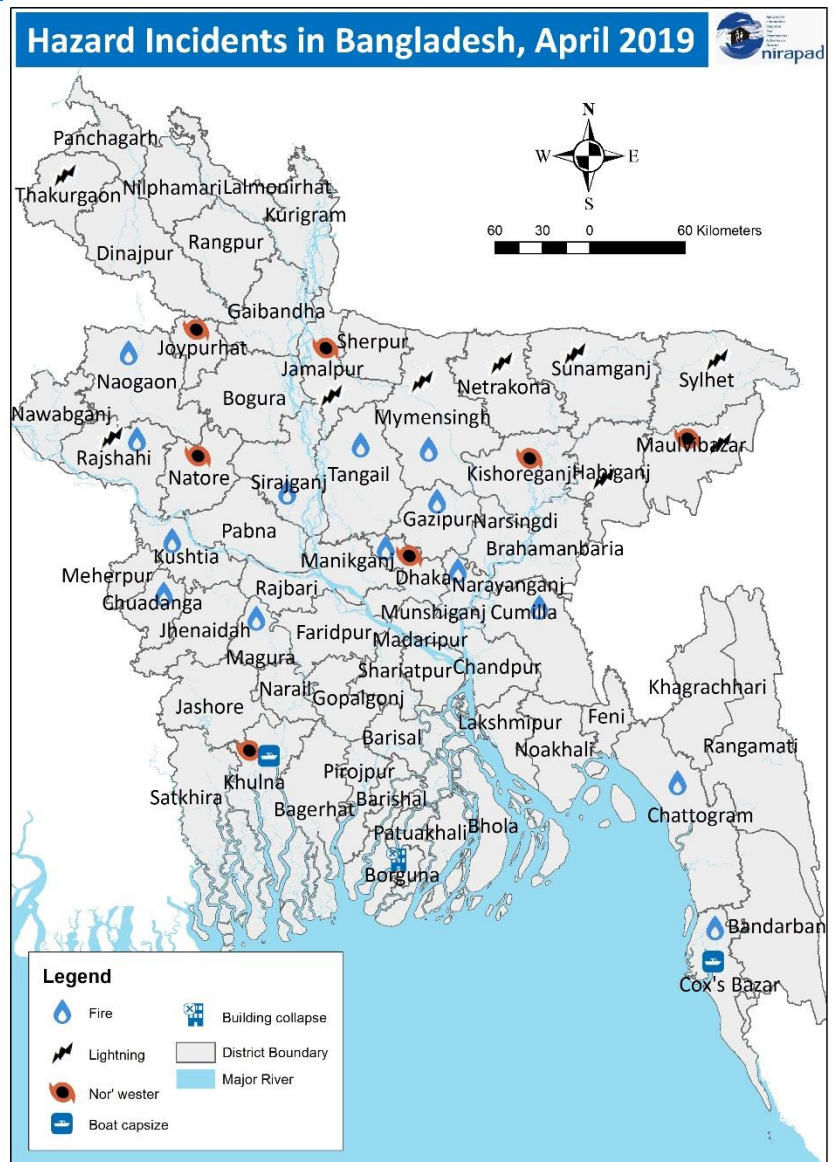
In April 2019, five devastating hazards took place across Bangladesh including fire, lightning, nor'wester, building collapse, and boat capsizes.

The mostly occurred hazard of this month was fire with 38 incidents in 14 districts correspondingly Dhaka, Gazipur, Naogaon, Chattogram, Kushtia, Sirajganj, Tangail, Chuadanga, Narayanganj, Cumilla, Magura, Mymensingh, Rajshahi, and Cox's Bazar.




































Lightning took place in nine districts, i.e. Maulvibazar, Rajshahi, Habiganj, Mymensingh, Netrokona, Jamalpur, Sylhet, Sunamganj and Thakurgaon correspondingly with 11 incidents.

Nor'wester occurred in seven districts, i.e. Joypurhat, Natore, Kishoreganj, Dhaka, Jamalpur, Khulna and Moulvibazar with eight incidents.

Boat capsizes were also devastating with two incidents in Khulna and Cox's Bazar.



Source: NDRCC Reports and National Dailies, April 2019

April 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	 6
 7	 8	 9	 10	 11	 12	 13
 14	 15	 16	 17	 18	 19	 20
 21	 22	 23	 24	 25	 26	 27
 28	 29	 30				
Index	 Nor'wester	 Fire	 Building collapse		 Lightning	 Boat capsizes

Description of the Hazard Incidents in April, 2019

Fire

14 districts i.e. Dhaka, Gazipur, Naogaon, Chattogram, Kushtia, Sirajganj, Tangail, Chuadanga, Narayanganj, Cumilla, Magura, Mymensingh, Rajshahi, and Cox's Bazar faced 38 incidents of fire in April 2019, which killed eight persons and injured 30 persons along with estimated loss of BDT 251 crore 67 lakhs. Dhaka was the highest in number of incidents (15) in April, 2019. A massive fire took place in Sirajganj on April 03, 2019 which injured five persons, killed one cow and two sheep, and burnt 17 electric meters with some other home appliances. Another devastating incident occurred in Narayanganj on April 07, 2019 which killed four persons of the same family. In Cumilla, on April 08, 2019; 95% of a factory burnt with an estimated loss of BDT 250 crore.

Table 1: Loss & damage by fire in April 2019

Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 01	Gazipur	Kaliakoir	• 6 shops burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 01, 2019
		Gazipur Sadar	• Garments materials burnt	
			• 7 shops burnt	
			• 31 houses burnt • Estimated loss of BDT 31 lakhs	
Dhaka	Demra	• No impact reported	https://www.dhakatribune.com , April 01, 2019	
	New Market			
Naogaon	Naogaon Sadar	• No impact reported	https://bangla.dhakatribune.com , April 01, 2019	
April 02	Gazipur	Tongi	• 1 go-down burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 03, 2019
April 03	Dhaka	Wari	• No impact reported	https://www.dhakatribune.com , April 04, 2019
		Paltan	• No impact reported	https://www.dhakatribune.com , April 04, 2019
	Kushtia	Bheramara	• 1 person & 3 cattle killed	https://www.dhakatribune.com , April 04, 2019
	Sirajganj	Raiganj	• 5 persons injured • 1 cow & 2 sheep killed • 17 electric meters & some other home appliances burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 04, 2019
April 04	Dhaka	Khilgoan	• No impact reported	<i>NDRCC report</i> , April 04, 2019
		Shantinagar	• No impact reported	https://www.banglanews24.com , April 04, 2019
	Tangail	Mirzapur	• 3 persons injured	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 04, 2019
April 05	Dhaka	Baridhara	• No impact reported	https://bangla.dhakatribune.com , April 05, 2019
		Karwanbazar	• No impact reported	https://www.bd24live.com , April 05, 2019
April 06	Chattogram	Chattogram Sadar	• No impact reported	https://www.dhakatribune.com , April 06, 2019
April 07	Chuadanga	Alamdanga	• 1,000 mound jute burnt	https://bangla.dhakatribune.com , April 07, 2019
	Chattogram	Karnafuli	• 3 persons killed	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 11, 2019
	Narayanganj	Narayanganj Sadar	• 4 persons killed	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 13, 2019
April 08	Cumilla	Cumilla EPZ	• 95% of 1 factory burnt • Estimated loss of BDT 250 crore	https://dhakatribune.com , April 09, 2019
	Chattogram	Raozan	• No impact reported	https://dhakatribune.com , April 08, 2019
	Magura	Shalikha	• 4 shops burnt • Loss of BDT 6 lakhs	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 08, 2019
April 09	Chattogram	Patia	• 1 person killed & 5 houses burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 10, 2019
April 11	Mymensingh	Bhaluka	• Spinning materials of 1 factory burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 11, 2019
April 12	Dhaka	Shantinagar	• 1 microbus burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 12, 2019
April 13	Gazipur	Konabari	• 15 <i>jhut</i> godowns burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 14, 2019
		Gazipur Sadar	• No impact reported	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 14, 2019
April 14	Gazipur	Tongi	• 3 houses burnt	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 14, 2019
	Dhaka	Mirpur	• No impact reported	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 14, 2019

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	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 18	Dhaka	Malibag	• 200 shops burnt	<i>NDRCC report, April 18, 2019</i>
		Jatrabari	• No impact reported	<i>NDRCC report, April 18, 2019</i>
April 19	Rajshahi	Bagmara	• 7 betel <i>baraj</i> burnt • Estimate loss of BDT 10 lakhs	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 19, 2019
April 21	Narayanganj	Rupganj	• 8 persons injured	<i>NDRCC report, April 22, 2019</i>
April 23	Gazipur	Tongi	• Electrical equipment burnt with loss of BDT 10 lakhs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 24, 2019
April 24	Cox's Bazar	Ukhia	• 14 persons injured • 1 mosque & 26 <i>kutcha</i> houses burnt	<i>NDRCC report, April 25, 2019</i>
April 25	Dhaka	South Keraniganj	• 1 plastic factory burnt with loss of BDT 30-40 lakhs	https://bangla.dhakatribune.com , April 25, 2019
April 28	Dhaka	Shadarghat	• 17 shops burnt • Estimated loss of BDT 70 lakhs	https://www.dhakatribune.com , April 28, 2019
April 29	Dhaka	Azompur	• No impact reported	<i>NDRCC report, April 28, 2019</i>
April 30	Chattogram	Chattogram Sadar	• No impact reported	https://dhakatribune.com , April 30, 2019
Total	8 persons killed, 30 persons injured, 4 cows & 2 rams killed; 233 shops, 36 houses, 26 <i>kutcha</i> houses, 7 betel <i>baraja</i> , 1,000 mound jute, 1 microbus, 1 plastic factory, 1 godown & garments factory materials burnt; estimated loss of BDT 251 crore 67 lakhs			

Lightning

Lightning took place in nine districts, i.e. Maulvibazar, Rajshahi, Habiganj, Mymensingh, Netrokona, Jamalpur, Sylhet, Sunamganj and Thakurgaon correspondingly with 11 incidents which killed 15 persons and injured five persons. Habiganj faced two incidents of lightning that took place on April 08 and April 28, 2019; which killed one person, and killed two persons with injuring three persons respectively.

Table 2: Loss & damage by lightning in April 2019

Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 01	Maulavibazar	Komolganj	• 2 persons killed & 2 persons injured	<i>NDRCC report, April 02, 2019</i>
April 06	Rajshahi	Mohonpur	• 1 person killed	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 06, 2019
April 08	Habiganj	Chunarughat	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 09, 2019</i>
	Mymensingh	Haluaghat	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 09, 2019</i>
	Netrokona	Purbadhola	• 2 persons killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 09, 2019</i>
	Jamalpur	Islampur	• 1 persons killed	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 08, 2019
April 09	Sylhet	Fenchuganj	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 10, 2019</i>
		Golapganj	• 2 persons killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 10, 2019</i>
	Sunamgsnj	Doarabazar	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 10, 2019</i>
April 26	Thakurgaon	Haripur	• 1 person killed & 1 person injured	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 26, 2019
April 28	Habiganj	Habiganj Sadar	• 2 persons killed & 3 persons injured	https://www.dhakatribune.com , April 28, 2019
Total	15 persons killed & 5 persons injured			

Nor'wester

Nor'wester took place in seven districts, i.e. Joypurhat, Natore, Kishoreganj, Dhaka, Jamalpur, Khulna and Moulvibazar with eight incidents in April, 2019 which killed three persons and one person was missing. The most devastating incident took place in Joypurhat on April 02, 2019 which damaged 460 houses, one primary school, one college, several shops, business enterprises, trees and crops; and made 500 families homeless. Another incident took place in Kishoreganj on April 02, 2019 in which 120 houses were partially damaged and crops of 351.8 hectors were damaged.

Table 3: Loss & damage by nor'wester in April 2019				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 02	Joypurhat	Panchbibi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 460 Houses damaged • Naoda Govt. Primary School • Panchbibi college, several shops, business enterprises, trees & crops damaged • 500 families became homeless 	NDRCC report, April 03, 2019
	Natore	Grudashpur	• 1 person killed & 1 person injured	NDRCC report, April 04, 2019
		Lalpur	• 490 <i>kutcha</i> houses partially damaged	
Kishoreganj	6 upazilas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 houses partially damaged • Crops of 351.8 hectors damaged 	NDRCC report, April 04, 2019	
April 09	Dhaka	Dhaka Metropolitan thanas	• No impact reported	NDRCC report, April 10, 2019
	Jamalpur	Jamalpur Sadar	• 1 person killed	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 10, 2019
	Khulna	Mongla	• 1 person missing & 1 launch drowned	https://bangla.bdnews24.com , April 10, 2019
April 15	Moulvibazar	Baralekha	• 1 person killed	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 15, 2019
Total	3 persons killed & 1 person missing, 460 houses completely & 620 houses partially damaged, 1 launch drowned & crops of 351.8 hectors damaged			

Building collapse

In Taltali Upazila of Barguna on April 06, 2019; the ceiling of a government primary school collapsed which killed a student of third-grade and three more were injured who were taken to the hospital later (<http://m.theindependentbd.com>, April 07, 2019).

Boat Capsize

Two districts, i.e. Khulna and Cox's Bazar were affected by two incidents of boat capsizing in April, 2019 which killed two persons and injured 14 persons.

Table 4: Loss & damage by boat capsizing in April 2019				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 09	Khulna	Mongla	• 2 persons killed	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 11, 2019
April 10	Cox's Bazar	Teknaf	• 14 persons missing	https://www.prothomalo.com , April 12, 2019
Total	2 persons killed & 14 persons injured			

GoB Response in April 2019

Response to nor'wester: Instantly BDT 500 and one packet dry food has been provided to each affected families in Joypurhat on April 02, 2019. GR Rice and sheet distribution among the destitute was under processing.

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.