



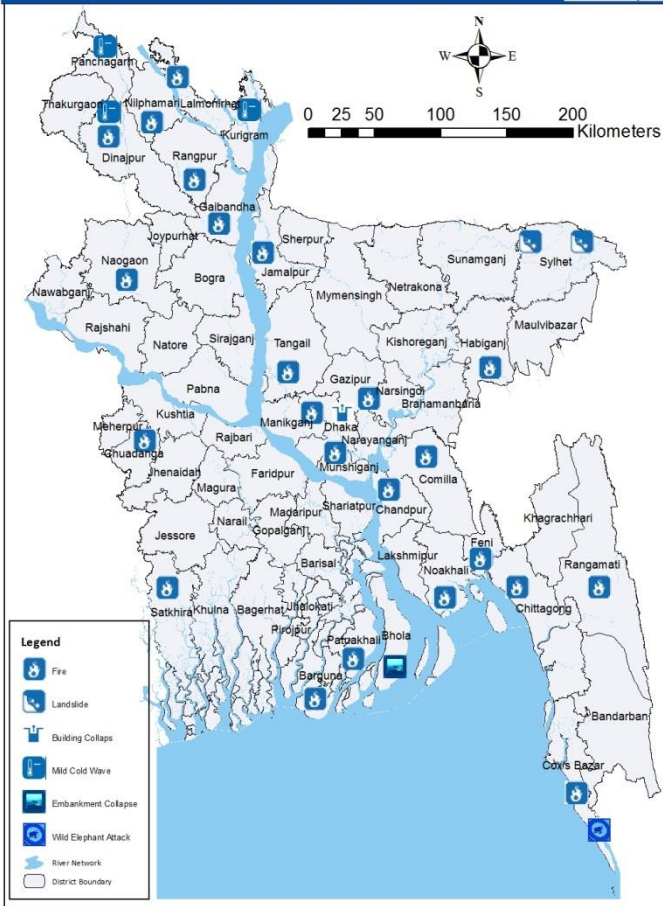
Overview of Hazard Incidents in February 2018

In February 2018, six localised hazard incidents have been reported that include fire, landslide, Embankment collapse, building collapse, wild elephant attack and cold wave. Though most of these hazards were small in scale, their frequencies and impacts were quite noteworthy. Among them fire incidents were the most devastating. 55 fire incidents were reported in 33 districts which caused death of 21 people, 21 got injured and destroyed properties worth BDT 333.48 Crore. Also, two landslides and a wild elephant attack took five and three lives, respectively and a building collapse caused 2 injuries. Mild cold wave has been reported with no significant damage. However, No response activity has been reported in February.

| February, 2018 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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Source: BMD and National Dailies, February 2018

Hazard Incidents in Bangladesh, February 2018



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Description of the Hazard Incidences in February 2018

Cold wave

1st February was the only day of the month with dropped temperature felt from Dinajpur, Panchagarh and Kurigram. It was mild in nature and the lowest temperature was at 9.2°C in Panchagarh according to BMD on February 01, 2018.

Fire

The winter season departed completely in February and the dry windy weather raised the occurrence of fire incidents. 55 fire incidents have been reported in February. As many as 7 fire incidents in a single day occurred on 11th February, 6 incidents on 19th February and 5 incidents occurred on 10th February. Three or two incidents in a single day occurred on 6th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 27th and 28th February. As well, single incident in a single day occurred on rest of the days (Table 1). As for geographic spread, 33 districts experienced fire incidents (Table 1). Highest number of fire was in Dhaka- 11 incidents, followed by 7 incidents in Chittagong and Gazipur district. Cox's Bazar, Chandpur and Rangpur districts suffered from two incidents. There were one incident in each of the remaining 27 districts. Among 55 incidents, 39 incidents occurred in dwelling places, 8

occurred in shops or trading centers, 8 incidents occurred in factories. These incidents took lives of 21 persons, injured 21 persons and destroyed properties worth BDT 333.48 Crore. Overall scenario is given below:

| Table 1: Loss and damage by Fire in February 2018 | | | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| Date | Location | | Impact | Source |
| | District | Upazila/Thana | | |
| February 01 | Dhaka | Turag | Medicine and raw materials were damaged | www.banglanews24.com , February 06, 2018 |
| February 06 | Gazipur | Gazipur Sadar | No impact reported | www.banglanews24.com , February 09, 2018 |
| | Chandpur | Chandpur Sadar | 4 person died | www.banglanews24.com , February 12, 2018 |
| February 10 | Dhaka | Paltan Thana | No impact reported | www.dailystar.net , February 10, 2018 |
| | Dhaka | South Keraniganj | More than BDT 50 crore worth of product has been burnt | www.dailystar.net & www.bdnews24.com , February 10, 2018 |
| | Dhaka | Banani | The extent of loss was estimated worth BDT 5.5 lakh in the fire | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 10, 2018 |
| | Rangpur | Rangpur Sadar | A eucalyptus garden was burnt | www.banglanews24.com , February 10, 2018 |
| | Dhaka | Bangshal | 5 child died, 3 others injured | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 10, 2018 |
| February 11 | Feni | Feni Sadar | A vehicle was burnt | www.banglanews24.com , February 11, 2018 |
| | Dhaka | Vasantek | No impact reported | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 11, 2018 |
| | Munshiganj | Lohajang | Property lost of BDT 36 lakh | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 11, 2018 |
| | Chittagong | Agrabad | No impact reported | www.banglanews24.com , February 11, 2018 |
| | Gazipur | Gazipur Sadar | A warehouse was burnt | www.banglanews24.com , February 11, 2018 |
| | Lalmonirhat | Hatibandha | The loss is about BDT 2.5 lakh | www.banglanews24.com , February 11, 2018 |
| | Jamalpur | Baksiganj | 1 child died, 2 persons injured | www.banglanews24.com , February 11, 2018 |
| February 12 | Chittagong | Sitakunda | 2 persons injured | www.banglanews24.com , February 12, 2018 |
| | Satkhira | Kalaroa | No impact reported | www.banglanews24.com , February 12, 2018 |
| | Gazipur | Tongi | Loss of BDT 15 lakh | www.banglanews24.com , February 12, 2018 |
| February 13 | Gazipur | Kaliganj | Property lost about BDT 25 lakh | www.bdnews24.com , February 12, 2018 |
| February 14 | Cox's Bazar | Maheshkhali | 2 died, 3 persons injured | www.banglanews24.com , February 14, 2018 |
| | Tangail | Madhupur | Damage is about BDT 15 lakh | www.banglanews24.com , February 14, 2018 |
| February 15 | Comilla | Comilla Sadar | No impact reported | www.banglanews24.com , February 15, 2018 |
| | Dhaka | Keraniganj | 1 dead 2 injured | www.banglanews24.com , February 15, 2018 |
| February 16 | Noakhali | Basinhat | Property lost BDT 10 lakh | www.banglanews24.com , February 16, 2018 |
| | Patuakhali | Kalapara | 20 shops were burnt | www.banglanews24.com , February 16, 2018 |
| | Chittagong | Agrabad | Property lost BDT 30 crore | www.bdnews24.com , February 16, 2018 |
| February 17 | Chuadanga | Alamdanga | Property lost BDT 15 Lakh | www.banglanews24.com , February 17, 2018 |
| February 18 | Chittagong | Hathazari | Properties lost BDT 2.5 lakh | www.banglanews24.com , February 18, 2018 |
| February 19 | Gazipur | Gazipur Sadar & Kaliakair | No impact reported | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 19, 2018 |
| | Chittagong | Sitakunda | 1 person died | en.prothomalo.com , February 19, 2018 |
| | Habiganj | Chunarughat | Properties lost BDT 30 lakh | www.banglanews24.com , February 19, 2018 |
| | Chittagong | Bakalia | Properties lost BDT 8 lakh | www.observerbd.com , February 19, 2018 |
| | Dhaka | Savar | 4 persons injured | www.banglanews24.com , February 19, 2018 |
| February 20 | Nilphamari | Sayedpur | Houses worth BDT 25 lakh burnt | www.banglanews24.com , February 19, 2018 |
| February 20 | Rangamati | Rangamati Sadar | 40 houses burned, 3 women injured | www.banglanews24.com , February 20, 2018 |
| February 21 | Dhaka | Ashulia | No impact reported | www.banglanews24.com , February 21, 2018 |
| | Dhaka | Savar | 6 people injured | www.banglanews24.com , February 21, 2018 |
| | Gaibandha | Sahdullapur | Property loss of BDT 10 lakh | www.banglanews24.com , February 21, 2018 |

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| | Chittagong | Boalkhali | No impact reported | www.banglanews24.com , February 21, 2018 |
| February 22 | Rangpur | Rangpur Sadar | Documents of the students were damaged | www.banglanews24.com , February 22, 2018 |
| February 23 | Dhaka | Darussalam | 1 person died | www.banglanews24.com , February 23, 2018 |
| February 24 | Chittagong | Sitakunda | Property lost BDT 8 lakh | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 24, 2018 |
| February 25 | Noagaon | Manda | The loss of BDT 6 lakh in the fire | www.banglanews24.com , February 25, 2018 |
| | Gazipur | Tongi | 20 warehouse & 9 shops burnt | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 25, 2018 |
| | Sylhet | Sylhet Sadar | Property lost BDT 50 lakh | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 25, 2018 |
| | Barguna | Barguna Sadar | 8 houses & 2 shops burnt | www.banglanews24.com , February 25, 2018 |
| February 26 | Chittagong | Chittagong Sadar | No impact reported | www.banglanews24.com , February 26, 2018 |
| February 27 | Munshiganj | Munshiganj Sadar | 20 shops burned | www.banglanews24.com , February 27, 2018 |
| | Dinajpur | Biral | Property lost BDT 300 Crore and 12 persons injured | www.banglanews24.com , February 27, 2018 |
| | Gazipur | Gazipur Sadar | No impact reported | www.banglanews24.com , February 27, 2018 |
| | Chandpur | Hajiganj | Property lost BDT 50 lakh, 1 hurt | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 27, 2018 |
| February 28 | Cox's Bazar | Cox's Bazar Sadar | 2 children died | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 28, 2018 |
| | Dhaka | Paltan | No impact reported | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 28, 2018 |
| Total | | 21 died, 21 injured, Property lost about BDT 333.48 Crore, medicine and raw materials damaged, a eucalyptus garden destroyed, 4 warehouses Damaged | | |

Embankment Collapse

Six villages (East Sonarchar, Nayarhat, West Sonar Char, Chirjan, Eastkulagiri taluk, Kalatilikar and Charanjim) of Monpura upazila under Bhola district have been inundated by an embankment collapse. The newly built embankment in Fakirdon area on the east side of Chowdhury Bazar has been broken into four places because of land dislocation. Three residents of a house in East Sonarchar village are missing in this incident.

| Date | Location | | Impact | Source |
|-------------|----------|---------|---|--|
| | District | Upazila | | |
| February 25 | Bhola | Monpura | 3 villagers are missing; 6 villages have been inundated | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 25, 2018 |

Landslide

Two landslides have been reported in February- both occurred in Sylhet (table 3). Four workers died in a quarry at Shah Arfin Tila of Companyganj upazila and one worker died at Bholaganj of Jaintapur upazila under Sylhet district. In both cases, the land of the stone quarry collapsed on a number of workers while they were extracting stones from the quarry.

| Date | Location | | Impact | Source |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|--|
| | District | Upazila | | |
| February 25 | Sylhet | Companiganj | 4 people died | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 25, 2018 |
| February 26 | Sylhet | Jaintapur | 1 people died | bangla.bdnews24.com , February 26, 2018 |
| Total | | 5 died, 3 missing | | |

Building Collapse

A building collapse has been reported on 24th February at Lalbag thana under Dhaka. The side-wall of a three-storey building has been collapsed on on Harnath Ghosh Road while the building was demolishing. It injured two people and damaged a taxi partially.

| Table 4: Loss and damage by Building Collapse in February 2018 | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Date | Location | | Impact | Source |
| | District | Upazila | | |
| February 24 | Dhaka | Lalbag | 2 people injured and a taxi damaged | <i>www.thedailystar.net</i> , February 24, 2018 |
| Total | A taxicab damaged , 2 injured | | | |

Wild Elephant Attack

A wild elephant rampaged through Kutupalong Rohingya camp at Ukhia upazila of Cox's Bazar district and killed three including a child, injured 30 people and demolished 20 huts on 22nd February (table 5). The attack occurred at block D4 of the Modhuchara area in Kutupalang camp. Locals said the elephant entered the camp early in the morning and started attacking the refugees, causing Thousands of people to start running away in a panic. Officials from the Forest Department arrived at the scene and tactfully lead the elephant back to the forest (UNO, Ukhia upazila).

| Table 5: Loss and damage by Wild Elephant Attack in February 2018 | | | | |
|---|---|---------|---|---|
| Date | Location | | Impact | Source |
| | District | Upazila | | |
| February 22 | Cox's Bazar | Ukhia | 3 people died, injured 30 people and demolished 20 huts | <i>www.dhakatribune.com</i> & <i>www.banglanews24.com</i> , February 22, 2018 |
| Total | 3 people died, injured 30 people and demolished 20 huts | | | |

GOB Responses in February 2018

No Government response activity has been reported in February. However, an investigation group has been formed for recommendation in the fire of Rupali Bangla Jute Mills Limited, Dinajpur.

Conclusion

Disaster frequency was comparatively high in the month of February than previous month, but no response activity has been reported. Lack of safety measures accelerated fire incidents that occurred almost every day in last month and caused death and injuries as well as huge damage to the property. Along with fire, other types of localized disasters such as landslide, building collapse and wild elephant attack were reported in February. Landslide was manmade and development induced. It occurred because of collecting stones which is an illegal practice. Poor awareness about safety measures resulted in building collapse. The Rohingyas have built shacks near the forest, close to areas that are inhabited by elephants, increasing the risk of wild elephant attacks.