Hazard Incidences in Bangladesh, October 2018



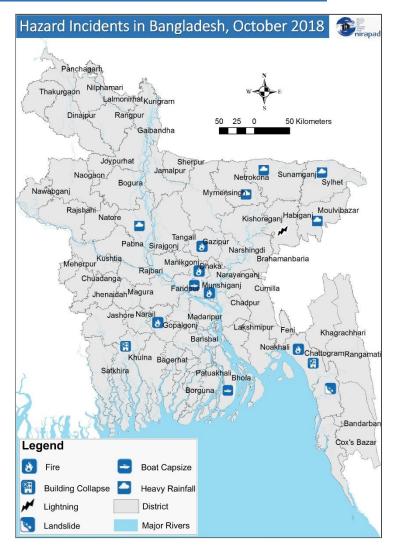
Overview of Hazard Incidents in October, 2018

In October, six types of hazards have been occurred among which three were manmade (fire, boat-capsize and building collapse) and three were natural (lightning, landslide and heavy rainfall). With their incidents, the hazards took lives of 17 persons, injured 14 persons and two persons were missing.

In terms of loss of lives and properties, the most devastating hazard of October 2018 was fire. With seven incidents in four districts which took lives of 8 persons, injured 12 persons with huge monetary losses of properties.

Another devastating hazard was building collapse which took lives of three persons and injured one person in two districts (Khulna and Chattogram) in the second week of October. Landslide was also devastating which took lives of three persons in an incident in the mid of October.

Along with these incidents, lightning was another distressing hazard of this month as it caused death of two persons in an incident. Boat capsize with two incidents was also remarkable as one person died and two were missing due to it. Furthermore, due to the impact of cyclone "Titli" five districts experienced heavy rainfall but no impact was reported so far.



Source: NDRCC Reports and National Dailies, October 2018

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	Lightning	Building Collapse	Boat Capsize	Fire	Landslide	Heavy Rainfall

Description of the Hazard Incidences in October 2018

<u>Fire</u>

Fire was the most devastating hazard of this month of October with seven incidents in Gazipur, Munshiganj, Dhaka, Gopalganj and Chattogram. These incidents caused death of eight persons and also caused injury of 12 persons. Moreover, in an incident in Adabor area of Dhaka, at least 50 houses burnt due to fire in a slum. Another incident caused damage of one pulse mill and six go-downs with a huge monetary loss. In Gopalganj, five shops were burnt with a loss of 20 lac tk. which may have risen to 50 lac tk. if fire service did not come at the right time.

Table 1: Loss & damage by fire in October 2018						
Date	Location		Impact	Source		
	District	Upazila/ Thana				
October 2	Gazipur	Tongi	• 2 persons died & 2 injured	www.prothomalo.com, October 2, 2018		
October 8	Munshiganj	Munshiganj	• 1 pulse mill & 6 go-downs	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, October 8, 2018		
		Sadar	burnt			
October 13	Dhaka	Uttarkhan	• 3 persons died and 5 injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, October 14		
October 16	Gopalganj	Tungipara	• 4 shops burnt with a loss of	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, October 16, 2018		
			20 lac tk.			
October 16	Chattogram	Bijoynagar	• 1 person died & 2 injured	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, October 17, 2018		
October 28	Dhaka	Adabor	• At least 50 houses burnt	https://www.prothomalo.com, October 29, 2018		
October 31	Chattogram	Hathazari	• 2 persons killed and 3 injured	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, November 1, 2018		
Total	8 persons died, 12 injured, at least 50 houses, 1 pulse mill, 6 go-downs & 4 shops burnt with a loss of 20 lac tk.					

Building Collapse

With occurrence of two incidents, building collapse has been another important hazard of October 2018. It has killed total two persons and caused injury of one person in Khulna by collapse of sun shed of a house. Another incident of building collapse occurred in Panchlaish area of Chattogram which caused death of one person after the wall of the house was fallen on him.

Table 2: Loss & damage by building collapse in October 2018						
Date	Location		Impact	Source		
	District	Upazila/ Thana				
October 9	Khulna	Doulatpur	• 2 persons died & 1 injured	https://www.prothomalo.com, October 9, 2018		
October 14	Chattogram Panchlaish • 1 persons died https://www.prothomalo.com ,October 14, 2018					
Total	3 persons died & 1 person injured					

Landslide

Landslide has affected in October 2018 with one incident in Chattogram. Due to the impact of cyclone "Titli, Chattogram faced frequent heavy rainfall which lead to landslide in Akbor Shah thana area's No. 1 Jheel hill. The incident caused death of three persons in the same area.

Table 3: Loss & damage by Landslide in October 2018						
Date	Location		Impact	Source		
	District	Upazila/ Thana				
October 14	Chattogram	Akbor Shah	3 persons died	https://www.prothomalo.com ,October 14, 2018		

Lightning

Only one incident of lightning has been occurred in which two brothers were killed by lightning while they were fishing in the haor area of Habiganj district.

Table 4: Loss & damage by lightning in October 2018						
Date	Location		Impact	Source		
	District Upazila/ Thana					
October 1	Habiganj	Baniachong	2 persons died	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, October 1, 2018		

Boat Capsize

Two incidents of boat capsize have caused death of one person and two persons were missing due to it. In Munshiganj Launch Ghat area, a ship was stacked with a bulkhead in Dhaleshwari River and a passenger fall into water. The fire service personnel tried to find the person but he was missing and rescue was postponed due to night time and lack of light. Another incident took place in Bhola where three persons were missing as the carrying trawler of them sank. Two persons made it happen to reach the banks but one died.

Table 5: Loss & damage by boat capsize in October 2018						
Date	Location		Impact	Source		
	District	Upazila/ Thana				
October 16	Munshiganj	Munshiganj Sadar	• 1 person missing	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, October 16, 2018		
October 19	Bhola	Borhanuddin	• 1 person died & 1 missing	https://bangla.bdnews24.com, October 20, 2018		
Total	1 person died & 2 persons missing					

Heavy Rainfall

Due to the impact of cyclone "Titli" which has been formed in the Bay of Bengal in the mid of the month, Chattogram, Netrokona, Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Sunamganj experienced mid to heavy rainfall. Lately of the month of October Moulvibazar experienced heavy rainfall in Kamalganj station with 95 mm of rainfall. However no damage was reported.

Table 6: Loss & damage by heavy rainfall in October 2018						
Date	Location		Impact	Source		
	District	Upazila/ Thana				
October 14	Sirajganj	All	No impact reported	NDRCC report, October 14,2018		
	Netrokona	All				
	Sylhet	All				
	Moulvibazar	All				
	Sunamganj	All				
October 28	Moulvibazar	Kamalganj	No impact reported	NDRCC report, October 28, 2018		

GOB Responses in October 2018

Response to landslide: Each family of the dead persons due to landslide was given 20,000 Tk. GR cash each by the district administration.

Response to building collapse: The family of the dead person due to building collapse was given 20,000 Tk. GR cash each by the district administration.

Conclusion

Natural disasters were less in frequency in October 2018. More was the impacts of man-made disasters like fire and building collapse. Also the impact of landslide, boat capsizes and lightning was also noticeable. Heavy rainfall was the impact of cyclone "Titli" that affected some provinces of India recently. However, the Government undertook response interventions for landslide and building collapse affected families.