

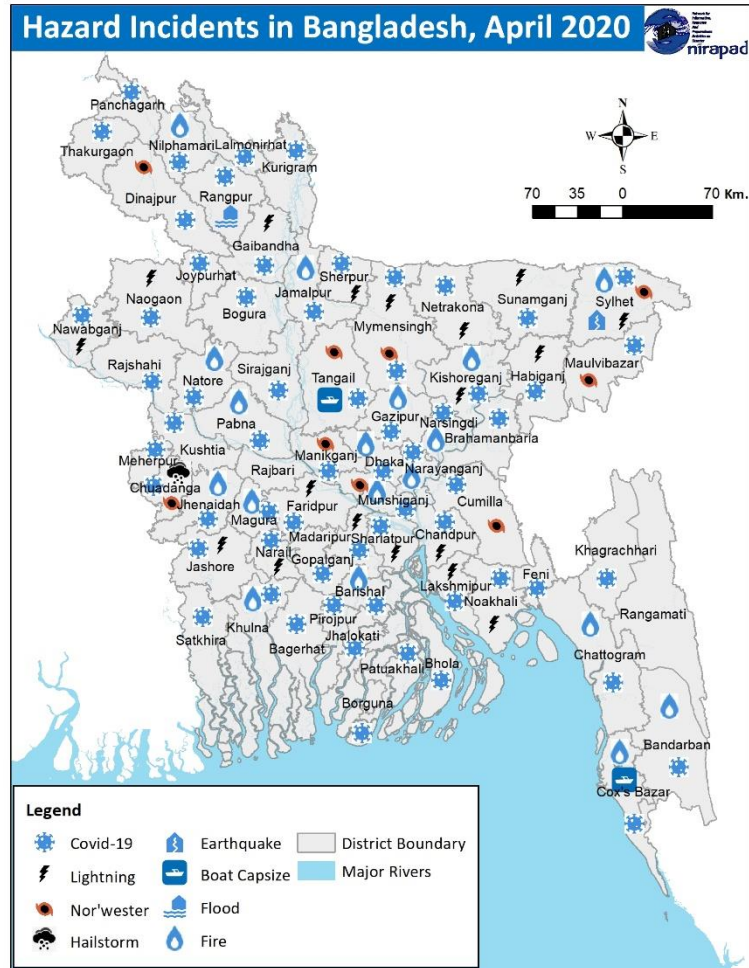
## Overview of Hazard Incidents in April 2020

In April 2020, eight devastating hazards took place across Bangladesh including Covid-19 pandemic, fire, flood, boat capsized, earthquake, lightning, nor'wester and hailstorm, lightning, boat capsized and building collapse.

In April 2020, Covid-19 affected a total of 8,117 in 63 districts across the country among which 202 persons died and 135 persons recovered.

Fire took place in 18 districts with 27 incidents among which Gazipur and Dhaka faced five incidents each of fire. Only incident of flood occurred in Rangpur. Boat capsized took place in Cox's Bazar and Tangail with two incidents. Only incident of earthquake took place in Sylhet.

Lightning affected 18 districts with 35 incidents. Nor'wester took place in nine districts with 12 incidents. The only incident of hailstorm was reported in Chuadanga.



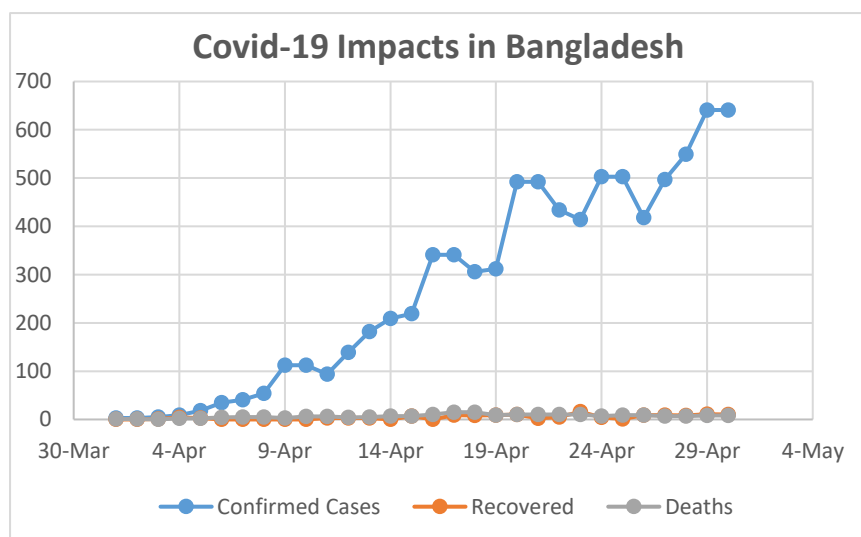
Source: NDRCC Reports and National Dailies, April 2020

April 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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	Covid-19	Boat capsized		Hailstorm	Fire	
	Lightning	Nor'wester		Earthquake	Flood	

## Description of Hazard Incidents in April 2020

### Covid-19 Pandemic in Bangladesh

The Covid-19 pandemic has started to flourish its high impacts throughout this month in 63 districts (except Rangamati) of Bangladesh. Up to April 30, 2020, the number of identified patients with Covid-19 is 8,119 persons among which 135 patients recovered and 202 patients died. The number of identified cases is increasing as per IEDCR has



increased the testing of Covid-19 at regional level. Some of the districts are under lockdown situation to prevent community transmission of Covid-19 as much as possible. But for unconsciousness of people in abiding by the lockdown and maintaining social distance, the situation is getting troublesome day by day.

Table 1: Impact of Covid-19 in Bangladesh, April 2020

Date	Confirmed Cases	Recovered	Deaths	Source
April 01	3	0	1	<a href="https://www.iedcr.gov.bd">https://www.iedcr.gov.bd</a> , April 30, 2020
April 02	3	0	1	
April 03	5	1	0	
April 04	9	4	2	
April 05	18	3	2	
April 06	35	0	4	
April 07	41	0	5	
April 08	54	0	5	
April 09	112	0	3	
April 10	112	0	6	
April 11	94	3	6	
April 12	139	3	4	
April 13	182	3	5	
April 14	209	0	7	
April 15	219	7	7	
April 16	341	0	10	
April 17	341	9	15	
April 18	306	8	15	
April 19	312	9	9	
April 20	492	10	10	
April 21	492	2	10	
April 22	434	5	10	
April 23	414	16	10	
April 24	503	4	7	
April 25	503	1	9	
April 26	418	9	9	
April 27	497	9	7	

Date	Confirmed Cases	Recovered	Deaths	Source
April 28	549	8	7	
April 29	641	11	8	
April 30	641	10	8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,119</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>202</b>	

### **Fire**

18 districts i.e. Gazipur, Khulna, Narsingdi, Cox's Bazar, Narayanganj, Jamalpur, Magura, Chattogram, Jhenaidah, Nilphamari, Dhaka, Barishal, Natore, Pabna, Munshiganj, Kishoreganj, Bandarban and Sylhet faced 27 incidents of fire in April 2020, which killed five persons and injured 19 persons along with estimated loss of BDT 10 crore 68 lakhs. Gazipur and Dhaka faced the highest number of incidents (five) in April 2020. In Bera upazila under Pabna, on April 16, 2020, an incident of fire killed two persons and injured three persons. A massive fire incident took place in Thanchi upazila under Bandarban district on April 24, 2020 in which 205 shops burnt with an estimated loss of BDT 10 crore.

Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 01	Gazipur	Gazipur Sadar	• Machine & cotton of a factory burnt	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 01, 2020
	Khulna	Khulna Sadar	• 48 shops burnt • Estimated loss of BDT 51 lakhs	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 01, 2020
	Narsingdi	Narsingdi Sadar	• 10 shops burnt	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 01, 2020
April 02	Cox's Bazar	Teknaf	• 4 persons injured & 17 houses burnt	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 02, 2020
	Narayanganj	Narayanganj Sadar	• 2 persons injured & 1 shop burnt	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 02, 2020
	Jamalpur	Jamalpur Sadar	• No impact reported	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 02, 2020
April 03	Magura	Magura Sadar	• 3 houses burnt • 3 cows, 2 goats & 60 pigeons killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 03, 2020
April 04	Gazipur	Kashimpur	• 1 person injured	NDRCC report, April 05, 2020
	Chattogram	Hathhazari	• 1 person injured	NDRCC report, April 05, 2020
April 05	Jhenaidah	Horinakundu	• 1 person injured	NDRCC report, April 05, 2020
	Gazipur	Tongi	• 29 jhut go-down burnt	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 06, 2020
April 06	Nilphamari	Domar	• 3 buses burnt	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 06, 2020
April 08	Dhaka	Bhatara	• 14 shops burnt • Estimated loss of BDT 5 lakhs	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 08, 2020
April 10	Barishal	Barishal Sadar	• 1 launch burnt	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 10, 2020
April 11	Dhaka	Rampura	• 1 35/50 KVM power point burnt	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 11, 2020
April 12	Natore	Boraigram	• 1 person injured	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 12, 2020
April 14	Narayanganj	Shiddhirganj	• 20 shops burnt	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 15, 2020
April 16	Pabna	Bera	• 2 person killed & 3 persons injured	NDRCC report, April 17, 2020
	Munshiganj	Tongibari	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 16, 2020
April 17	Gazipur	Gazipur Sadar	• Cotton & machine of a factory burnt	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 17, 2020
April 24	Dhaka	Ashulia	• 1 person injured	NDRCC report, April 25, 2020
	Kishoreganj	Bajitpur	• 1 person injured	NDRCC report, April 25, 2020
	Bandarban	Thanchi	• 205 shops burnt • Estimated loss of BDT 10 crore	<a href="https://paharbartta.com">https://paharbartta.com</a> , April 27, 2020
	Sylhet	Sylhet Sadar	• 3 houses burnt • Estimated loss of BDT 12 lakhs	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 24, 2020
April 26	Gazipur	Sreepur	• 1 person killed • 8 houses burnt	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 26, 2020
April 29	Dhaka	Paltan	• 1 person killed & 2 persons injured	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , May 01, 2020
April 30	Dhaka	Keraniganj	• 2 persons injured	NDRCC report, April 30, 2020

Table 2: Loss & damage by fire in April 2020				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
Total	5 persons killed, 19 persons injured, 3 cows, 2 goats & 60 pigeons killed; 31 houses, 298 shops, 29 jhut godowns, 3 buses, 1 launch, 1 35/50 KVM power point, cotton & machines of 2 factories burnt with an estimated loss of BDT 10 cr. 68 lakhs.			

### **Flood**

The only incident of flood was reported in Kursha union under Taraganj upazila of Rangpur district on April 05, 2020 which flooded roads and about 100 ha cropland. The bank of a canal in Tista barrage broke by 50 feet which caused this sudden flood (<https://bangla.bdnews24.com>, April 05, 2020).

### **Boat capsizes**

Two incidents of boat capsizes took place in Cox's Bazar and Tangail on April 07 and April 17, 2020 correspondingly which killed two persons and injured four persons.

Table 3: Loss & damage by boat capsizes in April 2020				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 07	Cox's Bazar	Teknaf	• 1 person killed & 2 persons injured	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 08, 2020
April 17	Tangail	Bhuapur	• 1 person killed & 2 persons injured	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 18, 2020
Total	2 persons killed & 4 persons injured			

### **Earthquake**

Only incidents of earthquake took place in Sylhet on April 14, 2020 but no impact was reported in that incident (<https://www.banglatribune.com>, April 14, 2020).

### **Lightning**

35 incidents of lightning took place in 18 districts i.e. Chapai Nawabganj, Habiganj, Sylhet, Netrokona, Sunamganj, Shariatpur, Madaripur, Kishoreganj, Lakshmipur, Naogaon, Gaibandha, Sherpur, Mymensingh, Jashore, Faridpur, Chandpur, Noakhali and Narail which killed 41 persons and injured seven persons. Sunamganj faced the highest number of incidents (four) and Sylhet and Gaibandha faced three incidents each. In Habiganj, on April 17, 2020, an incident of lightning killed one person and injured two persons who were member of the parents of the killed person.

Table 4: Loss & damage by lightning in April 2020				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 15	Chapai Nawabganj	Shibganj	• 1 person killed & 2 persons injured	<a href="https://www.banglatribune.com">https://www.banglatribune.com</a> , April 14, 2020
April 17	Habiganj	Madhobpur	• 1 person killed	NDRCC report, April 19, 2020
	Sylhet	Gowainghat	• 1 person killed	NDRCC report, April 19, 2020
	Netrokona	Modon	• 2 persons killed	NDRCC report, April 19, 2020
April 18	Sylhet	Sylhet Sadar	• 2 persons killed	NDRCC report, April 19, 2020
		Jakiganj	• 1 person killed	NDRCC report, April 19, 2020
	Sunamganj	Shalla	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 18, 2020
		Jagannathpur	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 18, 2020
April 20	Shariatpur	Damudya	• 2 persons killed	NDRCC report, April 21, 2020
		Kalkini	• 1 person killed	NDRCC report, April 21, 2020
	Kishoreganj	Mithamoin	• 1 person killed	NDRCC report, April 21, 2020
		Nikli	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 20, 2020
	Lakshmipur	Kamalnagar	• 1 person killed	NDRCC report, April 26, 2020
		Raipur	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 20, 2020

Table 4: Loss & damage by lightning in April 2020				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 21	Naogaon	Manda	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 23, 2020</i>
	Gaibandha	Fulchori	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 23, 2020
April 22	Naogaon	Niyamotpur	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 23, 2020</i>
	Gaibandha	Gaibandha Sadar	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 23, 2020
		Govindaganj	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 23, 2020
		Fulchori	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 23, 2020
	Sherpur	Sherpur Sadar	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 23, 2020
	Mymensingh	Haluaghat	• 2 persons killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 23, 2020
April 24	Naogaon	Niyamotpur	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 23, 2020</i>
	Mymensingh	Dhobaura	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 26, 2020</i>
	Lakshmipur	Ramganj	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 26, 2020</i>
		Raipur	• 2 persons killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 26, 2020</i>
	Jashore	Chougacha	• 1 person killed & 5 persons injured	<a href="https://www.thedailystar.net">https://www.thedailystar.net</a> , April 24, 2020
	Faridpur	Charbhadrasan	• 2 persons killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 24, 2020
Shariatpur	Bhedarganj	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 25, 2020	
April 26	Chandpur	Chandpur Sadar	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 28, 2020</i>
April 29	Chandpur	Monohorganj	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 29, 2020</i>
April 30	Noakhali	Begumganj	• 1 person killed	<i>NDRCC report, April 30, 2020</i>
	Narail	Narail Sadar	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://bangla.bdnews24.com">https://bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , April 30, 2020
<b>Total</b>	41 persons killed & 7 persons injured			

### **Nor'wester**

Nor'wester took place in nine districts i.e. Dinajpur, Chuadanga, Cumilla, Manikganj, Dhaka, Tangail, Mymensingh, Sylhet and Moulvibazar with 12 incidents which killed two persons, injured one person, damaged more than 200 houses, uprooted trees and electric poles and damaged crops.

Table 5: Loss & damage by nor'wester in April 2020				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
April 15	Dinajpur	Parbotipur	• 1 person killed	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 15, 2020
April 16	Chuadanga	All	• 11 persons injured	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 17, 2020
April 23	Cumilla	Chandina	• Trees & electric poles uprooted, crops damaged	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 23, 2020
		Debidwar		
		Burichang		
		Brahmanpara		
	Manikganj	Daulatpur	• 1 person killed & 2 persons injured	<a href="https://www.prothomalo.com">https://www.prothomalo.com</a> , April 23, 2020
	Dhaka	All	• No impact reported	
Tangail	All			
Mymensingh	All			
Sylhet	All			
April 24	Moulvibazar	Kulaura	• More than 200 houses damaged	<a href="https://www.kalerkantho.com">https://www.kalerkantho.com</a> , April 24, 2020
<b>Total</b>	2 persons killed, 1 person injured, more than 200 houses damaged, trees and electric poles uprooted & crops damaged			

### **Hailstorm**

Hailstorm took place in all upazilas of Chuadanga district on April 16, 2020 which damaged trees, houses and croplands leading towards heavy loss of the farmers (<https://www.prothomalo.com>, April 17, 2020).

## GoB Response in April 2020

**Response to fire:** BDT 6,000 has been allocated for each affected family by the upazila administration of Teknaf, Cox's Bazar on April 02, 2020.

**Response to Lightning:** The killed person's family was given BDT 20,000 in Shahjahanpur union under Madhobpur upazila of Habiganj on April 17, 2020. BDT 20,000 was given to the killed person's family by the upazila administration in Kamalnagar upazila of Lakshmipur on April 20, 2020. The killed person's family received BDT 25,000 by the upazila administration in Monohorganj upazila under Chandpur on April 29, 2020.

**Response to Covid-19:** GoB postponed the Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) examination which was scheduled to be held from April 01, 2020. Previously declared general holiday across the country was extended twice in April, 2020 which was up to May 05, 2020. Also, the transportation system including roads, railway, water transportation, national and international flights were cancelled due to Covid-19. Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) has undertaken necessary steps to test Covid-19 suspected patients and the treatment providers were provided with Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). More test kits and PPE are being arranged by GoB as soon as possible. Also, IEDCR has arranged to test Covid-19 in regional areas to find out more patients. People (especially poor and ultra-poor) who are in need of foods, GoB arranged to provide foods at their doorsteps by the local administrations.

## Conclusion

A total of eight 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.