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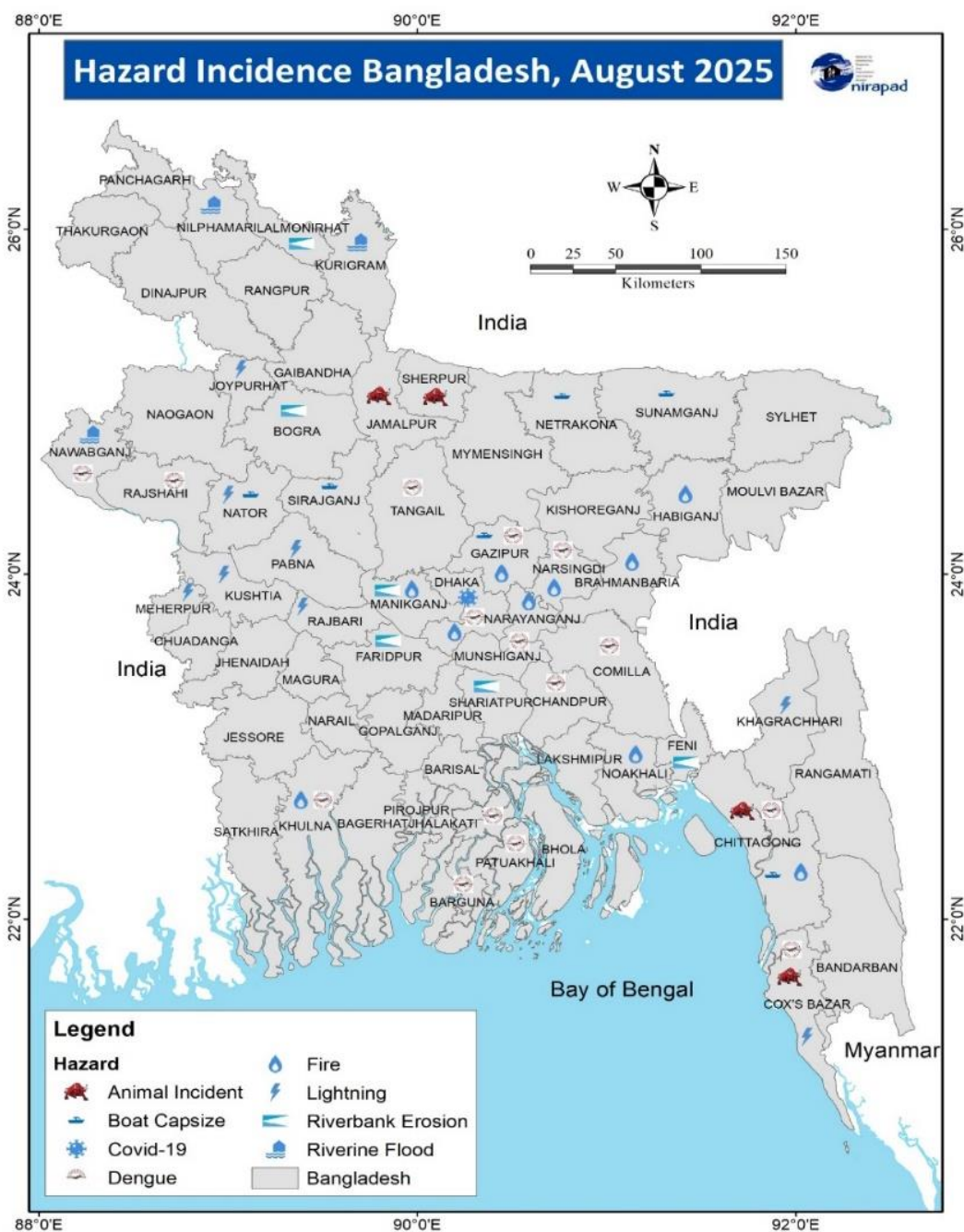
August 2025 had the most diverse range of hazards in Bangladesh: Covid 19, Dengue, Lightning, Fire, Riverbank erosion, Flooding, Boat capsizes and wild animals' attacks; exposing high environmental and public health risks during monsoon. During the month, a total of 57 deaths and 39 injuries were reported, with dengue fever emerging as the leading cause of fatalities. Dengue accounted for 39 deaths and 10,505 confirmed cases, with the highest impact recorded in Dhaka, followed by Barguna and Chattogram. Covid-19 re-emerged at a low level, with 8 confirmed cases and 2 deaths, reported in Dhaka (8 cases, 1 death) and Chattogram (1 death). Several lightning incidents resulted in fatalities and livestock losses across Rajbari, Kushtia, Meherpur, Pabna, Cox's Bazar, Khagrachori, Natore, and Joypurhat, including the loss of 12 buffaloes in Kushtia. Numerous fire incidents were reported in Manikganj, Brahmanbaria, Narsingdi (Madhabdi), Chattogram, Noakhali, Khulna, Dhaka (Gandaria), and Narayanganj, causing

Category	Number
Number of Deaths	57
Number of Affected	10,513
No. of Buildings other than housing damaged/destroyed	24
No. of Houses Destroyed	42
Number of Injured	39
No. Houses Damaged	2
Number of Missing	10
Total Damages (Monetary value)	457.55M BDT
No. livestock loss	12

Monthly Hazard Incidence Calendar: August 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 1	 2
 3	 4	 5	 6	 7	 8	 9
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deaths, injuries, and significant damage to houses, schools, markets, and industrial facilities. Severe riverbank erosion was observed along major rivers in Shariatpur (Zanjira), Faridpur (Charbhadrason), Lalmonirhat, Manikganj (Paturia ferry terminal), Feni, and Bogura, leading to the loss of homes, roads,

ferry infrastructure, and agricultural land, and placing thousands of people at risk. Flooding affected low-lying areas of Rajshahi city and parts of Nilphamari, Kurigram, and Lalmonirhat, as water levels in the Teesta and Dudhkumar. Multiple boat capsizes incidents occurred in Natore, Gazipur (Kapasia), Netrakona, Chattogram, Sirajganj, and Sunamganj, resulting in deaths and missing persons. In addition, wild animal attacks were reported in Anwara Upazila (Chattogram), the Myanmar border area, and Sherpur, causing injuries to people and damage to crops and homes. Overall, 42 houses were destroyed, 2 houses were damaged, and 24 non-residential buildings were damaged or destroyed. Livestock losses were also reported. The total estimated economic loss amounted to approximately BDT 457.55 million. The hazard profile for August 2025 highlights the compounded impacts of monsoon-related climate hazards and public health risks, underscoring the need for strengthened preparedness, early warning systems, and risk-reduction measures.



Description of Hazard Incidents in August 2025

Covid-19

In August 2025, Bangladesh recorded confirmed COVID-19 cases in two districts. The highest case numbers were reported in Dhaka (8 cases, 1 death) and Chittagong (1 death) (DGHS).

- Total Confirmed Cases: 8
- Total Deaths: 2

Dengue

Dengue posed a significant health hazard in August 2025, with widespread outbreaks. Dhaka reported the highest burden (3,085 cases, 27 deaths), followed by Barguna (1,171 cases) and Chittagong (603 cases). Many other districts also reported moderate case counts (DGHS).

- Total Confirmed Cases: 10,505
- Total Deaths: 39

Lightning

On 2 August, a lightning strike in Rajbari caused two deaths and injured four people (bdnews24.com). On 3 August, a lightning strike in the Padma River char of Chilmauri Union, Daulatpur Upazila, Kushtia, caused the deaths of 12 buffaloes belonging to two farmers ([Prothom Alo](#)). On 12 August, a lightning strike in Meherpur, Kushtia, Pabna, Cox's Bazar caused four fatalities ([Bangla News 24](#)). On 16 August, lightning incidents occurred in Khagrachori, Chottogram causing one death ([Bangladesh Protidin](#)). On 17 August, a lightning strike in Natore, Rajshahi, killed one person ([Bangladesh Protidin](#)). On 21 August, a lightning strike in Joypurhat, Rajshahi, killed one person ([Bangladesh Protidin](#)).

Fire

On 2 August, a fire at "Nilima Bag Mill Limited" in Bhakum, Singair, Manikganj, destroyed machinery, raw materials, and finished products. Fire units from multiple areas, including the army, controlled the blaze after an hour ([Prothom Alo](#)).

On 6 August, a fire from an electrical short circuit in the science lab of Niyaz Mohammad High School in Brahmanbaria injured 20 to 25 students, with one in critical condition ([Bangla News 24](#)). On the same day, another fire incident at Sonar Bangla Cooperative Market in Madhabdi Bazar destroyed eight shops, including footwear and electronics stores. Three fire service units took over an hour to control the blaze, hindered by a water shortage. One shopkeeper reported losses of 10 to 15 million BDT in goods

On 11 July, Chittagong city experienced a fire that damaged critical goods production infrastructure ([Bangla News 24](#)). On 9 August, a fire in Sebarhat, Senbagh, Noakhali, destroyed 11 businesses, including a furniture factory. The fire, which started from the factory's boiler, was controlled after over six hours by five fire units. Losses were estimated at 30 million BDT ([Prothom Alo](#)). On 10 August, a fire at Super Jute Mill in Fulbata, Khulna, damaged a warehouse. Six fire units controlled the fire after three hours, with no casualties reported ([Bangla News 24](#)). On 15 August, a fire in Shibli Market,

Sitakund, Chattogram, destroyed three shops selling ship safety equipment, causing a two-hour traffic disruption on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway ([Prothom Alo](#)). On 22 August, a fire in a house in Gandaria, Dhaka, killed one person and left two others critically injured. The fire, which spread from a cooking stove, affected four rooms ([Bangla News 24](#)). Another fire incident broke out at a house in Boille Dighir Pāra, burning one person. The fire destroyed furniture, cash, jewelry, and essential items in five homes, causing losses of around 4 million BDT ([Bangla News 24](#)). The next day, on 23 August, a fire in Siddhirganj, Narayanganj, injured eight people. The fire, caused by an electrical issue in a refrigerator, damaged furniture and a fridge, with losses estimated at 50,000 BDT ([Bangla News 24](#)).

Riverbank Erosion

On 2 August, severe erosion occurred in Zanjira, Shariatpur, damaging the Padma Bridge embankment. Around 72 structures, including homes and businesses, were washed away, with thousands at risk. The breach, about 500 meters long, is being addressed with 120,000 cubic feet of geobags ([Bangladesh Protidin](#)). On 15–18 August, severe erosion hit Haji Dangi and Tilar Char in Charbhadrason, Faridpur, as the Padma River water level rose. Parts of the HBB paved road collapsed, and new erosion emerged in Tilar Char, threatening a school and nearby homes ([Bangla News 24](#)). On 17–23 August, severe erosion along the Teesta River in Lalmonirhat led to the loss of 37 homes, with over 100 more at risk. Geobags used to prevent further damage were ineffective due to strong currents. The erosion also affected 915 hectares of rice fields, and locals faced health issues after the floodwaters receded ([Bangladesh Protidin](#)). On 20–21 August, severe erosion at Paturia ferry terminal in Manikganj caused the number 4 terminal to sink, halting ferry services. The number 3 and 5 terminals are also at risk. Despite using geobags, the 4th terminal collapsed again, and cracks appeared at the 3rd terminal. Local homes are also threatened ([Bangladesh Protidin](#)). On 16-23 August, severe erosion along the Katakali River in Matabhuyan Union, Feni, caused a 4-kilometer road to collapse, affecting thousands. The road between Akbar Fakir and Kazi Bari was damaged due to tidal pressures. Despite previous efforts, no permanent solution has been found, and the road has been closed ([Bangla News 24](#)). On 19-25 August, severe erosion along the Jamuna River in Sarishabari, Bogura, resulted in the loss of five bighas of agricultural land in one day. Erosion has worsened in Godakhali and Ichamara villages, threatening crops. The Water Development Board plans a permanent solution to address the issue ([Bangladesh Protidin](#)).

These incidents highlight the continued vulnerability of riverine communities and infrastructure during peak monsoon flows.

Flood

Two major flood incidents occurred in August 2025. In Rajshahi city, heavy rainfall caused flooding in low-lying areas such as Talaimari, Kazla, Panchabati, and Srirampur, displacing many residents and submerging parts of the city and nearby areas like Char Khidipur and Khanpur ([Prothom Alo](#)). Water levels in the Teesta and Dudhkumar rivers are above danger levels, and flooding has affected areas in Nilphamari, Kurigram, and Lalmonirhat, with rising water in the Brahmaputra, Jamuna, and Padma rivers ([Prothom Alo](#)).

Boat Capsize

Six boat capsizing incidents were recorded in August 2025:

- In Natore, Rajshahi, one death was reported ([Bangladesh Protidin](#)).

- In Kapasia, Gazipur, another incident killed 2 persons ([BanglaNews24.com](https://www.banglanews24.com)).
- In Netrakona, Mymensingh, 2 deaths were reported ([Banglanews24.com](https://www.banglanews24.com)).
- In Chittagong, 8 missing were reported ([Prothom Alo](https://www.prothomalo.com)).
- In Sirajgang, one death was reported ([Prothom Alo](https://www.prothomalo.com)).
- In Sunamganj, Sylhet, 2 missing were reported ([Bangladesh Protidin](https://www.bangladeshprotidin.com)).

These tragedies underscore the persistent dangers of unsafe waterway transport during the monsoon season.

Wild Animal Attack

Three wild animal attack events took place on several dates in August, leaving four people injured. On 4 August 2025, in Anwara Upazila, Chattogram, a wild elephant attack left Abu Bakkar (55) injured. The incident occurred early in the morning in the Madhyam Guapanchak Mahmudullah Para of Bairag Union. ([Kaler Kontho](https://www.kalerkontho.com)). On 16 August 2025, on the Myanmar border, three people were injured in a wild animal attack while attempting to treat an elephant injured by a landmine explosion([bdnews24.com](https://www.bdnews24.com)). On 23 and 24 August, a herd of elephants damaged crops and homes in Chhoto Gojani, Sherpur, including the "Swadeshi Organic Vegetable" project, causing a loss of 10 lakh taka ([Somokal](https://www.somokal.com)).

Conclusion

Bangladesh experienced diverse hazardous events in August 2025, including fire, lightning, floods, riverbank erosion, boat capsizes, and dengue. Dengue and lightning caused the highest fatalities, while erosion and floods posed significant threats to infrastructure and livelihoods. These recurring hazards stress the urgent need for integrated disaster management, improved early warning systems, and resilient infrastructure planning to reduce future losses.

For detailed information, please refer to the Link.