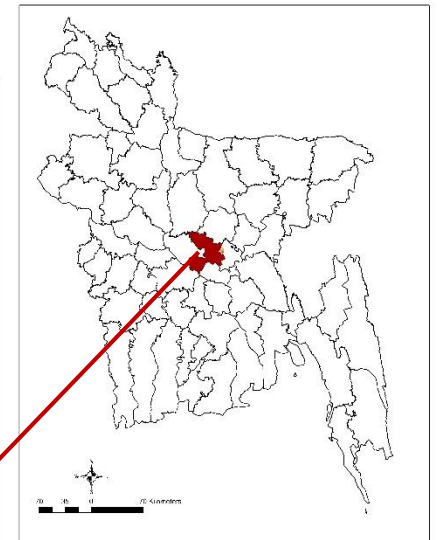
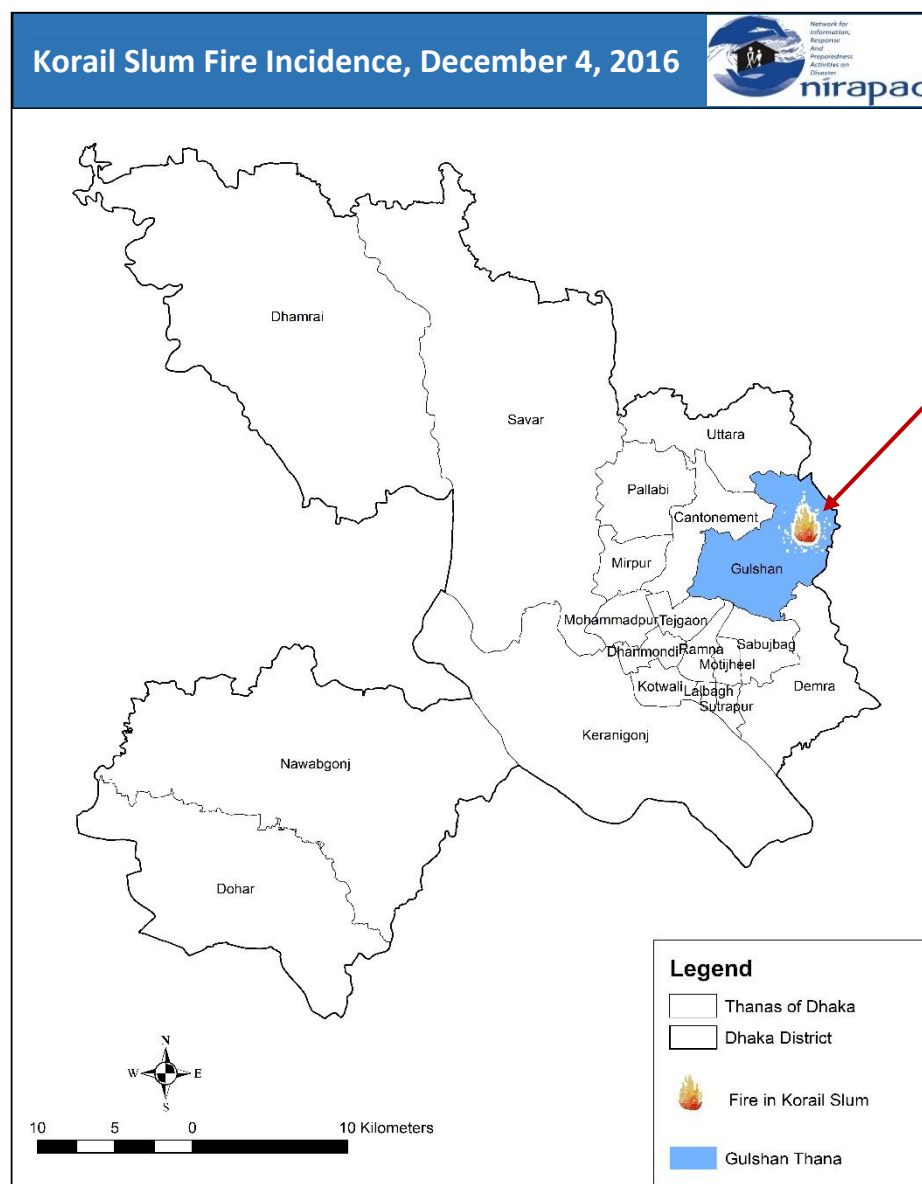




Korail Slum Fire Incidence

A devastating fire incidence occurred in Korail Slum of Bou Bazar area in Mahakhali. It broke out in the afternoon around 2:50 pm on the 4th December 2016 (The Bangladesh Shangbad Shanstha, December 5, 2016) gutted about 500 shanties (shanties or shacks are informal settlement types made of plywood, corrugated metal, sheets of plastic, and cardboard boxes, lacks proper sanitation, safe water supply, electricity, hygienic streets, or other basic human necessities) in Korail Slum.

About 200 locals, trained in firefighting, along with 14 fire engines doused the fire, said the fireman. Due to narrow alleys inside the slum in the capital's Mohakhali area, fire fighters had to leave their trucks about half a kilometer away (The Daily Star, December 5, 2016).



Overview of Loss and Damages of Korail Slum Fire incidence, December 4, 2016

Date	Hazard	Location		Impact	Source	Remark
		District	Upazila/ Thana			
December 04	Fire	Dhaka	Korail Slum at Mohakhali, Gulshan	500 shanties are completely destroyed	<i>The Bangladesh Shangbad Shanstha, December 5, 2016,</i> <i>The Daily Star, December 5, 2016</i> <i>NDRCC Report, December 5, 2016</i>	Deputy assistant director of fire brigade Masudur Rahman Akhanda said that the fire might have originated from an electric short circuit or a burning cigarette at a cotton shop of the slum at Boubazar area of Mohakhali.

Most of the destroyed shanties was well some multi-storied, were stilt house on the Gulshan Lake. Being burnt, they collapsed into the water. President of Korail Slum Unnayan Committee Abdus Sobahan said that most of the residents of the shanties were rickshaw pullers or garment workers and they were not home during the fire. Several NGO-run schools in the slum had become shelters for some of the affected people. Some moved into their relatives' homes.

Gob Response

Visiting the area, Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Anisul Huq assured assistance for the affected people.

Conclusion

Although, there is no news of any death, the loss of properties of the people living here was enormous. Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation has assured to give support and assistance after proper assessment. Fire incidence in this area is not new. Proper initiatives to prevent fire hazard through proper planning should be assured.

Snapshots of Korail Fire Incidence



Smoke billows from Korail slum
Source: The Daily Star, December 5, 2016



Smoke billows from Korail slum
Source: <https://www.facebook.com/tamzidul.islam.31>



Smokes and fire
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Helpless people who lost everything
Source: The Daily Star, December 5, 2016