



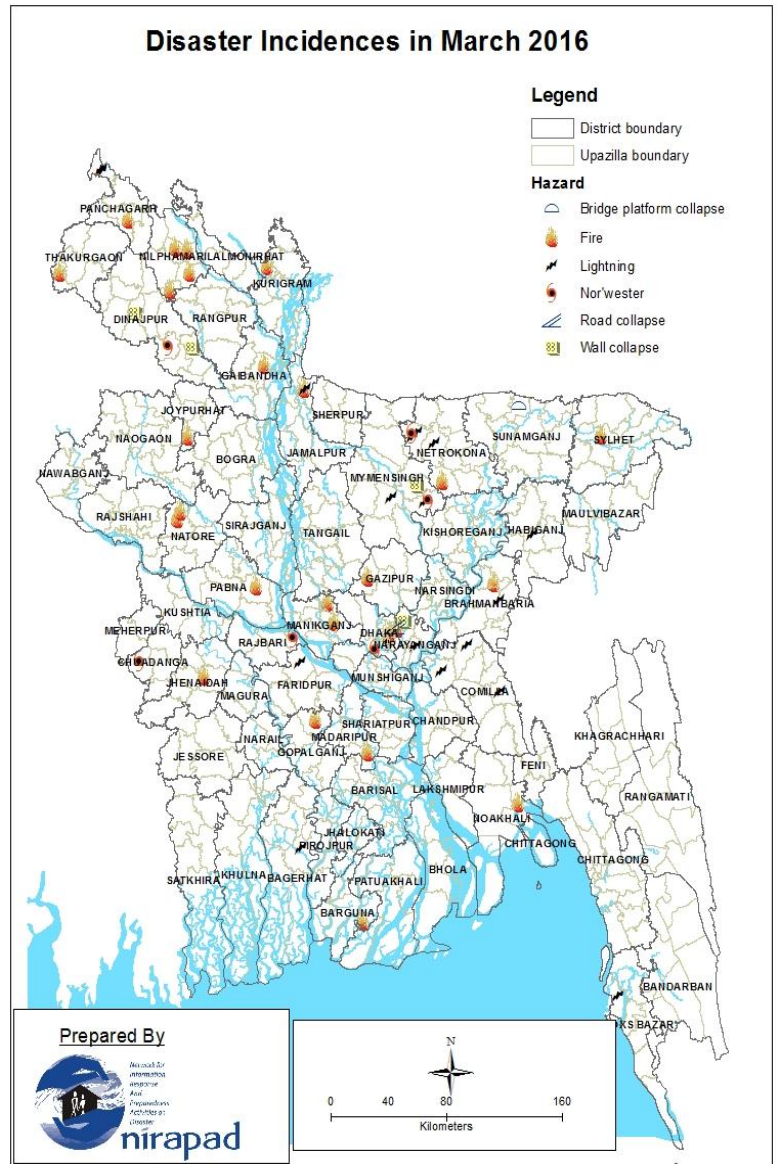
## Overview of Hazard Incidences in March 2016

Seven localised incidents occurred in March. Fire, Road Collapse, Bridge Platform Collapse, Wall Collapse and Chimney Collapse as well as two natural incidents, Nor'wester and Lightning were the major incidents stricken in this month.

According to the dailies, Nor'wester struck on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March and affected 4 districts. Lightning occurred in on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of this month.

March-2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	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	31		

Also, there was Wall Collapse in Nawabganj upazila under Dinajpur district and Ishwarganj upazila of Mymensingh district. As well, a chimney of a rice mill collapsed on 5<sup>th</sup> March in Ambari upazila of Dinajpur district. In addition, a road collapsed at Gulshan in Dhaka and a bridge platform collapsed in Biswambhapur under Sunamganj district. Apart from these, 27 fire incidents occurred on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March at Panchagarh, Nilphamari, Sylhet, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Manikganj, Pabna, Mymensingh, Joypurhat, Jhenaidah, Brahmanbaria, Dhaka, Gazipur, Natore, Netrokona, Barguna, Noakhali, Gopalganj, Madaripur, Gaibandha and Khulna districts, respectively.



## Description of the Events in March 2016

### Nor'wester

In March, Nor'wester hit 4 districts e.g. Dhaka, Rajbari, Chuadanga and Netrokona districts. Total 4 people were killed and 31 people injured including

women and children (Table 1). On 7<sup>th</sup> March, ferry service at Goalandaghat paused for 12 hours during the storm. Nor'wester also caused damage to crops in Chuadanga on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Table 1: Loss and damage by Nor'wester in March 2016					
Date	Location		Impact	Source	Remark
	District	Upazila/ Thana			
6-Mar	Dhaka	Keraniganj upazila	1 child killed and 5 people injured	<i>The Daily Star, March 7</i>	Due to storm, roof of a 2 storied building collapsed
		Rampura thana	1 child killed and 1 person injured	<i>The Daily Star, March 7</i>	Due to storm, part of an under-construction building fell on a tin shade house
7-Mar	Rajbari	Goalandaghat upazila	Disruption of ferry service at 4 ghats for 12 hours. 6 ferries stayed motionless in the mid-river	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 8</i>	-
20-Mar	Chuadanga	Damurhuda upazila	1 killed and 16 injured and Crops damaged	<i>The Daily Ittefaq, March 21</i>	-
	Netrokona	Purbadhala upazila	1 killed and 10 injured in Hogla union of Purbadhala upazila. As well, breakage of electric pole caused upazila's electricity disruption	<i>The Daily Ittefaq, March 21</i>	-
<b>Total</b>			4 people including 2 children killed and 32 injured.		

### Lightening

In the month of March, 14 incidents of lightning have been reported to be occurred in 11 districts i.e. Cox's Bazar, Netrokona, Panchagarh, Habiganj, Jamalpur, Mymensingh, Comilla, Narayanganj, Brahmanbaria, Faridpur and Bagerhat in just four days. Among them, 7 incidents occurred on the same day (31<sup>st</sup> March) in Narayanganj, Mymensingh, Comilla, Netrokona, Brahmanbaria, Faridpur and Bagerhat districts (The Daily Star, March 30). Total 26 were killed and 18 were injured in these incidents (Table 2).

Table 2: Loss and damage by Lightning in March 2016				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/ Thana		
22-Mar	Cox's Bazar	Maheshkhali upazila	2 killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 23</i>
27-Mar	Netrokona	Purbadhala upazila	3 children killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 28</i>
28-Mar	Panchagarh	Tetulia upazila	1 man and 1 child killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 29</i>
	Habiganj	Habiganj sadar upazila	2 killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 29</i>
	Jamalpur	Bakshiganj upazila	1 woman killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 29</i>
	Mymensingh	Trishal upazila	1 man killed in Balipara union of Trishal upazila	<i>The Daily Star, March 29</i>
	Comilla	Daudkandi upazila	1 man killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 29</i>
		Titash upazila	1 man killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 29</i>
30-Mar	Narayanganj	Rupganj upazila	2 killed due to the storm wall collapsed of an under construction shop	<i>The Daily Star, March 31</i>
31-Mar	Narayanganj	Sonargaon upazila	2 killed and 1 Injured in Char Kishorganj union of Sonargaon upazila	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 30</i>

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	Mymensingh	Nandail upazila	2 killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 30</i>
	Comilla	Muradnagar upazila	2 killed and 17 Injured	<i>The Daily Star, March 30</i>
	Netrokona	Netrokona sadar upazila	1 killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 30</i>
	Brahmanbaria	Brahmanbaria sadar upazila	1 killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 30</i>
	Faridpur	Faridpur sadar upazila	1 child killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 30</i>
	Bagerhat	Morelganj upazila	2 killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 30</i>
<b>Total</b>			26 including 5 children killed and 18 injured	

## Fire

There were 27 fire incidents in March, 2016. As for geographic spread, 21 districts (Panchagarh, Nilphamari, Sylhet, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Manikganj, Pabna, Mymensingh, Joypurhat, Jhenaidah, Brahmanbaria, Dhaka, Gazipur, Natore, Netrokona, Barguna, Noakhali, Gopalganj, Madaripur, Gaibandha) experienced fire. These incidents caused death to 3 person; 9 cows, 9 goats and injury to 33 people. Total 58 shops and 91 houses was burnt, estimated loss was about BDT 1 crore 74 lakh (Table 3).

As many as 6 fire incidents occurred on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, three or two incidents in a single day occurred on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> March. There were two fire incidents each in Nilphamari, Natore and Dhaka district and one incident in each of the remaining 16 districts. Seven incidents occurred at individual houses and other affected rest house, office, slum, market and factory.

In the last week of the month, there was forest fire in Sundarban. Fire incident occurred on 26<sup>th</sup> March from the fire set of fishermen. It was brought under control on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016 morning. Though there has been no human casualty in this incident, a large number of trees were burnt in the fire.

**Table 3: Loss and damage by Fire in March 2016**

Date	Location		Impact	Source	Remark
	District	Upazila/ Thana			
1-Mar	Panchagarh	Boda upazila	10 shops burnt	<i>The Daily Star, March 2</i>	Fire originated from electric short circuit from a grocery shop
2-Mar	Nilphamari	Jaldhaka upazila	1 woman burnt into death, 3 injured, 3 cows and 9 goats killed. Estimated loss BDT 15 lakh	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 3</i>	-
	Sylhet	Sylhet sadar upazila	Sylhet circuit house caught on fire. Two rooms were burnt. Estimated loss was not found	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 3</i>	Fire originated from a VIP room
	Dinajpur	Phulbari upazila	1 child burnt to death	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 3</i>	-
	Thakurgaon	Nandogaon village of Haripur upazila	20 houses gutted. Damages worth BDT 25 lakh	<i>The Daily Star, March 7</i>	Fire originated from a nearby house.
	Manikganj	Saturiya upazila	Estimated loss was not found.	<i>The Daily Jankantha, March 7</i>	Syntax Polymer Industry caught on fire from a house.
	Fulbaria upazila	8 houses burnt.	<i>The Daily Jankantha,</i>	Fire caused by electric	

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			Estimated loss BDT 60 lakh.	<i>March 7</i>	short circuit of a house.
	Pabna	Santhia upazila	5 shops burnt in Khetupara union of Santhia upazila; Estimated loss BDT 4 lakh.	<i>The Daily Jankantha, March 7</i>	Fire originated from a shoe shop.
7-Mar	Mymensingh	Nandail upazila	3 shops burnt in Mushuli union at Nandail upazila; Estimated loss BDT 15 to 20 Lakh	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 9</i>	Fire broke out at "Taraghat Bazar".
9-Mar	Joypurhat	Akkelpur upazila	2 houses burnt in Sonamukhi union of Akkelpur upazila; Estimated loss BDT 8 to 10 Lakh	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 9</i>	Fires erupt at the cowshed.
10-Mar	Jhinaidah	Achintanagar upazila	4 burnt.	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 10</i>	"Taji Agro Industries" caught on fire.
11-Mar	Brahmanbaria	Sarail upazila	8 people including 3 children burnt.	<i>bdnews24.com, March 10</i>	Fire originated from accumulated gas due to leakage of the gas cylinder.
14-Mar	Dhaka	Gulshan thana	50 houses burnt.	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 19</i>	Korail slum caught fire. Fire originated from electric short circuit.
16-Mar	Gazipur	Chapair union of Kaliakair upazila	2 houses burnt.	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 17</i>	
17-Mar	Nilphamari	Jaldhaka upazila	6 houses burnt and 2000 kg tobacco burnt in Mirganj union of Jaldhaka upazila	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 19</i>	
		Kishoriganj Sadar upazila	Exact data of loss was not found.	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 19</i>	Fire originated from electric short circuit in Ranochandi union of Kishoriganj Sadar upazila
	Natore	Natore sadar upazila	1 house burnt.	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 19</i>	Fire originated in from electric short circuit.
	Netrokona	Kendua upazila	16 shops and 1 house burnt. Estimated cost BDT 8-10 lakh.	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 19</i>	
18-Mar	Barguna	Amtali upazila	1 woman died, 7 injured including 6 children in Gulishakhali union of Amtali upazila	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 19</i>	Fire broke out from gas cylinder.
	Dhaka	Banani thana	7 injured and a six stories building damaged.	<i>The Daily Star, March 19</i>	Fire caused by gas pipe leakage.
19-Mar	Natore	Naldanga upazila	3 houses and 1 cow burnt.	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 20</i>	Fire caused by mosquito coil.
21-Mar	Noakhali	Companiganj upazila	18 shops burnt.	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 22</i>	Fire originated from an oil shop.
22-Mar	Nilphamari	Saidpur upazila	A warehouse of Saidpur Raiway Workshop caught fire. Estimated loss BDT	<i>The Daily Ittefaq, March 23</i>	

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	District	Upazila/ Thana			
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24-Mar	Gopalganj	Muksudpur upazila	6 shops burnt. Estimated cost BDT 6 lakh.	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 25</i>	“Noukhanda Bazar” caught fire. Fire originated from electric short circuit.
26-Mar	Madaripur	Kalkini upazila	4 burnt. Estimated cost BDT 20 lakh.	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 25</i>	An association called “Surakkha Cooperative Credit Union” caught fire.
	Gaibandha	Gaibandha sadar upazila	5 cows died in Ghagoya union of Gaibandha sadar upazila.	<i>The Daily Jugantor, March 27</i>	Fire originated from mosquito coil in the cowshed.
	Khulna	Nangli area near Dhansagar station in Chandpai range of the Sundarbans	A large number of trees were burnt in the fire. Fire fighters doused the flame under control on 28 March 2016 morning	<i>The Daily Star, March 28</i>	Fire Broke out for the fire set by the fishermen to destroy the bushes.
<b>Total</b>			3 people killed, 33 injured, 58 shops and 91 houses burnt, 9 cows and 9 goats killed and estimated loss was about BDT 1 crore 74 lakh		

### Road Collapse

In Gulshan thana of Dhaka district, a 30 feet road next to Gulshan lake collapsed on 11<sup>th</sup> March. It caused disruption of traffic and pedestrian movement (The Daily Ittefaq, March 10).

### Bridge platform collapse

Michkhali river bridge at Biswamvopur upazila under Sunamganj district collapsed during the rubber dam construction on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016. It was reported that 7 labors were injured during the occurrence (The Daily Janakantha, March 4, 2016).

### Wall Collapse

In this month, two wall collapse incidents occurred and caused death of 2 people including 1 child (Table 4). Incidents occurred on 12<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> March in two districts i.e. Mymensingh and Dinajpur.

**Table 4: Loss and damage by bridge, road and wall collapse in March 2016**

Date	Location		Impact	Source	Remark
	District	Upazila/ Thana			
12-Mar	Mymensingh	Ishwarganj upazila	1 child killed	<i>The Daily Star, March 13</i>	A wall collapsed on a boy while passing by the area.
18-Mar	Dinajpur	Nawabganj upazila	1 killed and 2 injured in Aftabganj union of Nawabganj upazila	<i>The Daily Janakantha, March 19</i>	Boundary wall of “RTB Bricks” brick field collapsed.
<b>Total</b>			2 people including 1 child killed and 2 injured.		

### Chimney Collapse

In this month, chimney of a rice mill collapsed on 5<sup>th</sup> March and caused death of 1 person. Incidents occurred in Ambari upazila of Dinajpur district.

## Description of Response in March

### GoB Response in Fire

The Minister of Cultural Affairs who is the Parliament Member of Nilphamari district distributed one bundle CI Sheet and BDT 3 thousand to each of the affected families of different fire incidents in Kundupur, Gorgram, Sonaray, Kochukata, Ramnagar, lokkhichap, palashbari union of Nilphamari district (The Daily Janakantha, March 18).

## Conclusion

Fire was the most devastating incident in the month of March. It occurred almost every day and caused death and injuries. Still, response and preparedness activities are quite inadequate as noticed in earlier month. Along with fire, several lightning incidents were occurred in March that took twenty three lives along with few injuries. Amongst these incidents, only fire were responded by the Government, but it could not mobilize enough resources to deal with them adequately.