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In this month of February, most frequent hazard incident was fire. A total of 22 fire incidents occurred in Barisal, Bhola, Dhaka, Chittagong, Faridpur, Jhenaidah, Gazipur, Patuakhali and Narayanganj districts. The other hazards that occurred in this month was landslide in Gowainghat upazila under Sylhet district. Also, the country felt little or no tremor on February 06 due to earthquake originated in India.

February, 2017						
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				
Note	 Earthquake		 Fire Incidents		 Landslide	

Description of the Hazard Incidences in February 2017

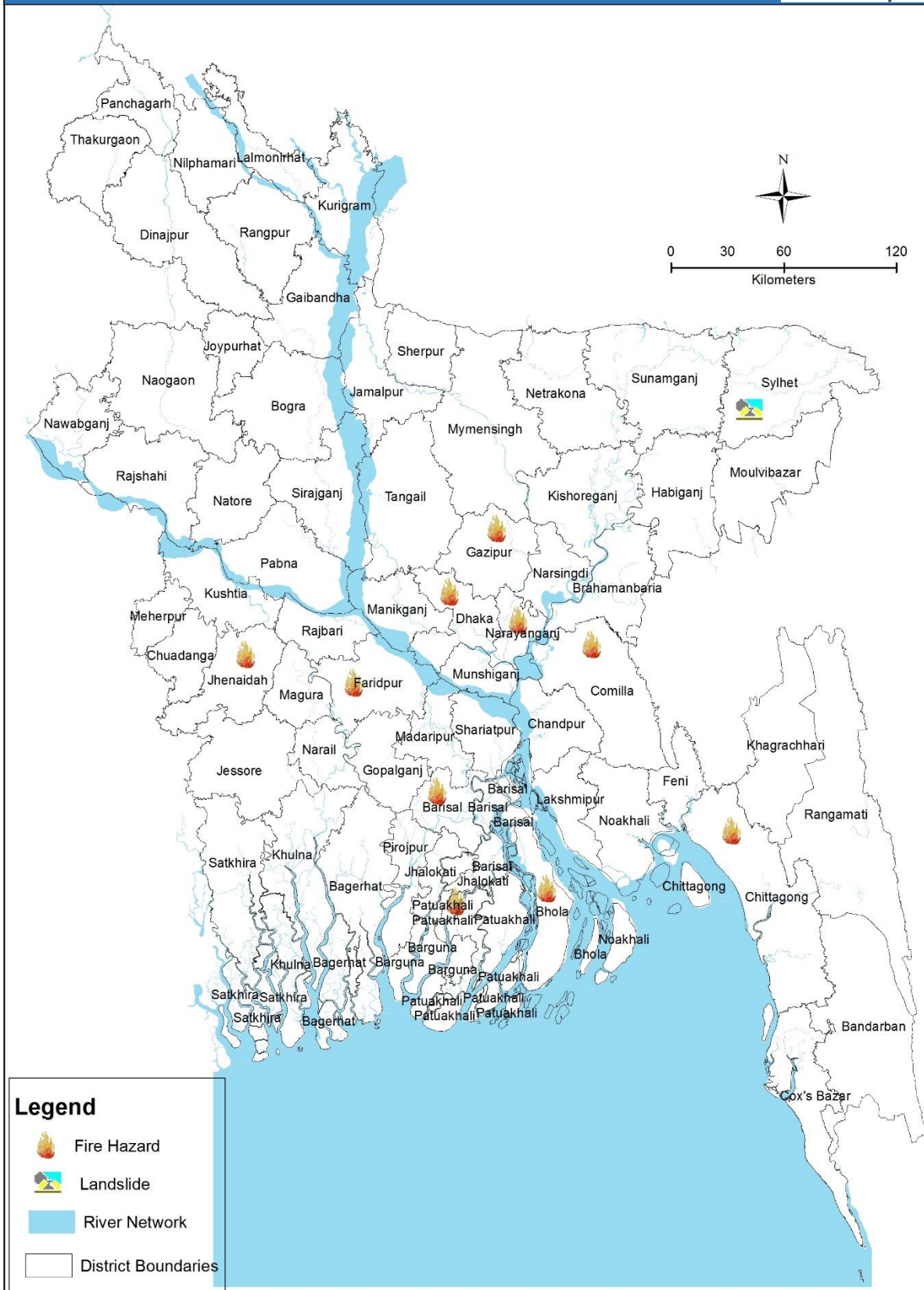
Earthquake:

On February 06 an earthquake with magnitude of 5.6 (Richter scale) occurred in India. Epicenter of this earthquake was Pipolkati. The shake occurred at 11.03 pm. Although, the shake was originated in the neighboring country, people in Bangladesh felt no tremor and no impact was reported from any part of the country.

Table 01: Loss and damage by earthquake in February 2017

Date	Location		Impact	Source	Remark
	District	Upazila/ Thana			
February 06	-	-	No Impact.	NDRCC report, 7 th February 2017	At 11.03 pm in Monday an earth shake was noticed at Pipolkati in India. From Agargoan weather office it was 1328 k.m. far and it was 5.6 in the Richter scale.
Total					-

Hazard Incidences in Bangladesh, February 2017



Fire:

In February 22 fire incidents were reported. These incidents occurred in Barisal, Bhola, Dhaka, Chittagong, Faridpur, Jhenaidah, Gazipur, Patuakhali and Narayanganj districts. Among them 1 incident was in Bhola, 1 in Comilla, 3 in Chittagong, 9 in Dhaka, 1 in Gazipur, 1 in Faridpur, 1 in Patuakhali, 1 in Jhenaidah and 3 in Narayanganj. Among the 22 fire incidents, 6 were in residential areas, 6 in shopping center and market places, 3 in warehouses, 2 in factories and 4 in slums and shelter home. Among 9 incidents in Dhaka, major impacted 3 were in slum areas. It indicates the increased need to ensure the well-planned safety systems in slum areas. The fire incidents and impacts in February 2017 are noted below:

Table 02: Loss and damage by Fire hazard in February 2017					
Date	Location		Impact	Source	Remark
	District	Upazila/ Thana			
February 08	Bhola	Sadar	10 barrack homes were destroyed in the incident. Loss of BDT 10 Lac approximately.	<i>The Daily Ittefaq</i> February 09, 2017	On Wednesday afternoon the fire broke out at Ramdebpur-2 the Government Shelter Home in Majher Char under Bhola Sadar upazila. The fire was ignited from one of the kitchen of shelter home. The family livings in the Government Shelter Home are fishermen & landless farmer who have lost everything.
February 10	Dhaka	Tejgaon	30 shanties were reduced to ashes in the fire. One person has been hospitalized with burns	http://www.thedailystar.net February 10, 2017	The cause of the fire could not be ascertained immediately.
	Dhaka	Ramna	10 Shanties were burnt.	<i>Bangladesh Pratidin</i> , February 11, 2017	The fire was initiated from dustbin in Haji Para area and spread to the adjacent tin shades immediately.
February 11	Dhaka	Lalbagh	About BDT 3 lac taka goods were destroyed in the incident.	<i>The Daily Kaler Kantho</i> February 12, 2017	The fire broke out on the fourth floor of the eight-storey building called Gazi Tower. From electric short circuit the fire broke out.
February 14	Comilla	Muradnagar	No impacts reported	<i>NDRCC Report</i> , February 14, 2017	At 2.10 pm in the afternoon the fire that broke out at Muradnagar upazila in several adjacent houses. The cause of the fire could not be ascertained immediately.
February 15	Chittagong	Rangunia	2 women died	<i>The Daily Star</i> , February 16, 2017	The incident occur as the gas cylinder exploded in the kitchen of house Wednesday noon.

	Chittagong	Bakalia	1 shop owner burn in the incident	<i>The Daily Star</i> , February 16, 2017	The fire broke out Wednesday night at a shop where kerosene and other oil were stored. The fire broke out at the shop, situated on the ground floor of a four-storied building, around 8:45 pm. Three flats on the first and second floors were also damaged. Fire service officials are yet to find out the reason behind the fire and estimate the loss.
February 16	Dhaka	Mohammadpur	221 shanties were gutted in a fire that broke out at Banshbari slum.	<i>The Daily Star</i> February 17, 2017	The fire broke out at Banshbari slum near Shia mosque in the capital on Thursday morning. Dhaka North City Corporation has made a list of 221 affected families and will distribute 30kg rice and BDT 3,000 per family as aid.
February 22	Dhaka	Demra	5 people injured.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> February 23, 2017	The incident took place around 7:30am Wednesday in the kitchen of Red Chilly Restaurant in Monibagh area of Matuail. Quoting authorities, the police official added the fire broke out when the restaurant staff tried to turn on the stove to prepare food for customers.
February 23	Chittagong	Agrabad	No impact recorded.	<i>The Daily Jugantor</i> , February 23, 2017	The fire occurred in a paper warehouse at the port of Chittagong on Thursday morning at 9 am. The reason behind the fire could not be identified instantly.
February 25	Dhaka	Lalbagh	3 people were burnt to death as a fire gutted 10 houses. The fire affected at least 150 families, said locals.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> February 26, 2017	Locals said the fire originated at a kitchen on the first floor of a three-storied building in Old Dhaka's Islambag and spread to a nearby four-storied building around 4:00pm. Firefighters recovered their charred bodies of the 3 dead from the staircase after the flames were doused around 8:00pm.
	Dhaka	Lalbagh	9 people were wounded in the incident.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> February 26, 2017	Near the Lalbag intersection, eight people were hurt after apparently a refrigerator compressor exploded in a shop and catch fire around 4:45 p.m. After the blast, broken pieces of furniture, walls and door laid strewn inside the eatery, named Mithai. Some of the debris from

					the explosion flew to the road, halting traffic for a while, said witnesses.
February 26	Dhaka	Badda	1 person death and 1 injured.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> February 27, 2017	House fire broke out on Sunday in Kuril. It is predicted that source of the fire was mosquito repellent coils in the house. 16 years old son died and the father was admitted to the hospital.
	Gazipur	Sadar	10 houses were burned.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> February 27, 2017	According to the warehouse Inspector of fire service station, fire had originated from electrical short circuit in a house and burned 10 houses and their belongings.
	Narayanganj	Chashara	Fire gutted 6 shops. Loss of approximately more than BDT 1 lac.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> February 27, 2017	In Sunday morning fire originated in 1 spare parts store, then spread to another five shops including jute storage, saloon and other spare parts store at Chashara of Narayanganj rail line area. Primarily it is predicted that fire originated from cigarettes.
February 27	Dhaka	Jatrabari	No impact reported.	<i>The Daily Prothom Alo</i> February 28, 2017	At Samad Jatrabari city a shoe factory named 'classic shoe-Souls' caught fire on Monday at 11am. After the fire broke out it also spread to another side of the factory.
	Narayanganj	Sonargaon	No damage is reported.	<i>Daily Janakantha</i> February 28, 2017	A fire broke out at a readymade garment factory in Kanchpur area of Narayanganj's Sonargaon. The fire originated in the sewing section of Sinha Opex Group factory burning down the machineries, threads and fabrics.
	Patuakhali	Kalapara	11 stores were gutted in the fire. 2 stores are partially damaged in the fire	<i>Daily Jugantor</i> February 28, 2017	Fire started from a hotel situated at Kalapara upazila around 3.30 in the night. Immediately causes of the fire could not be identified confirmed yet
	Barisal	Sadar	2 shanties burned in the incident.	<i>Daily Jugantor</i> February 28, 2017	On Sunday night at 10 p.m. the incident occurred at Bot tala bazar are in sadar upazila of Barisal. From short circuit it caught fire.
	Faridpur	Danga	4 houses are completely destroyed in fire.	<i>Daily Jugantor</i> February 28, 2017	On Monday afternoon from the kitchen of a house the fire started and spread to the adjacent houses.
	Jhenaidah	Sadar	6 stores are gutter in the fire. Shop	<i>Daily Janakantha</i>	Fire started on Monday midnight in furniture market in the Jhenaidah

			owner's claimed estimated loss is about BDT 40 lac.	February 28, 2017	town. Source of the fire couldn't be confirmed immediately.
February 28	Narayanganj	Bandar	5 people are injured.	<i>The Independent</i> February 28, 2017	A fire broke out in a particle board factory at Madanpur in Bandar upazila on Monday night. The fire broke out at the 'Particleboard Factory' of 'Partex Group Limited' from an electric short circuit at its chemical section.
Total			2 women and 5 men are dead, 25 injured, 24 houses are gutted, 263 shanties are damaged, 23 shops are destroyed, 150 families are affected in these fire incidences, total loss of approximately BDT 54 lac.		

Landslide:

On February 19, a landslide took place in Gowainghat upazila of Sylhet district. It occurred in the early morning while the workers were extracting stone from the quarry; and 2 people were killed. Landslide scenario of 19th February is given below:

Date	Location		Impact	Source	Remark
	District	Upazila/Thana			
February 19	Sylhet	Gowainghat	At least 2 killed and another injured.	<i>The Daily Star</i> , February 20, 2017	While the workers were extracting stone from the quarry in Jaflong area of Sylhet's Goawainghat upazila, the landslide happened at 4.30 am.
Total			2 people dead and other injured.		

GOB Responses in February

Response in Fire: Dhaka North City Corporation prepared a list of 221 fire affected families to distribute 30 kg rice and BDT 3,000 per family as aid at the fire of Banshbari slum occurred on February 16 (The Daily Star, February 17, 2017).

Conclusion

Hazard incidents in February was mainly fire. As reported there were 22 fire incidents of which 9 were in Dhaka Metropolitan. However, reportedly the authorities have responded to only one incident.