



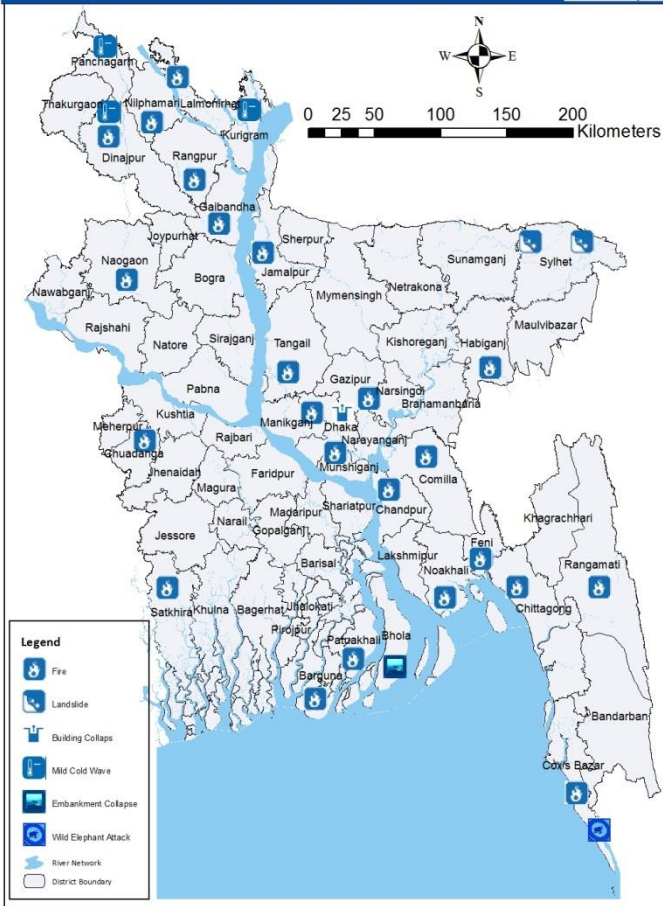
## Overview of Hazard Incidents in February 2018

In February 2018, six localised hazard incidents have been reported that include fire, landslide, Embankment collapse, building collapse, wild elephant attack and cold wave. Though most of these hazards were small in scale, their frequencies and impacts were quite noteworthy. Among them fire incidents were the most devastating. 55 fire incidents were reported in 33 districts which caused death of 21 people, 21 got injured and destroyed properties worth BDT 333.48 Crore. Also, two landslides and a wild elephant attack took five and three lives, respectively and a building collapse caused 2 injuries. Mild cold wave has been reported with no significant damage. However, No response activity has been reported in February.

February, 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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			
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Source: BMD and National Dailies, February 2018

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## Description of the Hazard Incidences in February 2018

### Cold wave

1<sup>st</sup> February was the only day of the month with dropped temperature felt from Dinajpur, Panchagarh and Kurigram. It was mild in nature and the lowest temperature was at 9.2°C in Panchagarh according to BMD on February 01, 2018.

### Fire

The winter season departed completely in February and the dry windy weather raised the occurrence of fire incidents. 55 fire incidents have been reported in February. As many as 7 fire incidents in a single day occurred on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 6 incidents on 19<sup>th</sup> February and 5 incidents occurred on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Three or two incidents in a single day occurred on 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February. As well, single incident in a single day occurred on rest of the days (Table 1). As for geographic spread, 33 districts experienced fire incidents (Table 1). Highest number of fire was in Dhaka- 11 incidents, followed by 7 incidents in Chittagong and Gazipur district. Cox's Bazar, Chandpur and Rangpur districts suffered from two incidents. There were one incident in each of the remaining 27 districts. Among 55 incidents, 39 incidents occurred in dwelling places, 8

occurred in shops or trading centers, 8 incidents occurred in factories. These incidents took lives of 21 persons, injured 21 persons and destroyed properties worth BDT 333.48 Crore. Overall scenario is given below:

Table 1: Loss and damage by Fire in February 2018				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila/Thana		
February 01	Dhaka	Turag	Medicine and raw materials were damaged	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 06, 2018
February 06	Gazipur	Gazipur Sadar	No impact reported	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 09, 2018
	Chandpur	Chandpur Sadar	4 person died	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 12, 2018
February 10	Dhaka	Paltan Thana	No impact reported	<a href="http://www.dailystar.net">www.dailystar.net</a> , February 10, 2018
	Dhaka	South Keraniganj	More than BDT 50 crore worth of product has been burnt	<a href="http://www.dailystar.net">www.dailystar.net</a> & <a href="http://www.bdnews24.com">www.bdnews24.com</a> , February 10, 2018
	Dhaka	Banani	The extent of loss was estimated worth BDT 5.5 lakh in the fire	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 10, 2018
	Rangpur	Rangpur Sadar	A eucalyptus garden was burnt	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 10, 2018
February 11	Dhaka	Bangshal	5 child died, 3 others injured	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 10, 2018
	Feni	Feni Sadar	A vehicle was burnt	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 11, 2018
	Dhaka	Vasantek	No impact reported	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 11, 2018
	Munshiganj	Lohajang	Property lost of BDT 36 lakh	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 11, 2018
	Chittagong	Agrabad	No impact reported	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 11, 2018
	Gazipur	Gazipur Sadar	A warehouse was burnt	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 11, 2018
	Lalmonirhat	Hatibandha	The loss is about BDT 2.5 lakh	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 11, 2018
February 12	Jamalpur	Baksiganj	1 child died, 2 persons injured	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 11, 2018
	Chittagong	Sitakunda	2 persons injured	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 12, 2018
	Satkhira	Kalaroa	No impact reported	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 12, 2018
February 13	Gazipur	Tongi	Loss of BDT 15 lakh	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 12, 2018
	Gazipur	Kaliganj	Property lost about BDT 25 lakh	<a href="http://www.bdnews24.com">www.bdnews24.com</a> , February 12, 2018
February 14	Cox's Bazar	Maheshkhali	2 died, 3 persons injured	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 14, 2018
	Tangail	Madhupur	Damage is about BDT 15 lakh	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 14, 2018
February 15	Comilla	Comilla Sadar	No impact reported	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 15, 2018
	Dhaka	Keraniganj	1 dead 2 injured	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 15, 2018
February 16	Noakhali	Basinhat	Property lost BDT 10 lakh	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 16, 2018
	Patuakhali	Kalapara	20 shops were burnt	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 16, 2018
	Chittagong	Agrabad	Property lost BDT 30 crore	<a href="http://www.bdnews24.com">www.bdnews24.com</a> , February 16, 2018
February 17	Chuadanga	Alamdanga	Property lost BDT 15 Lakh	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 17, 2018
February 18	Chittagong	Hathazari	Properties lost BDT 2.5 lakh	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 18, 2018
February 19	Gazipur	Gazipur Sadar & Kaliakair	No impact reported	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 19, 2018
	Chittagong	Sitakunda	1 person died	<a href="http://en.prothomalo.com">en.prothomalo.com</a> , February 19, 2018
	Habiganj	Chunarughat	Properties lost BDT 30 lakh	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 19, 2018
	Chittagong	Bakalia	Properties lost BDT 8 lakh	<a href="http://www.observerbd.com">www.observerbd.com</a> , February 19, 2018
	Dhaka	Savar	4 persons injured	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 19, 2018
February 20	Nilphamari	Sayedpur	Houses worth BDT 25 lakh burnt	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 19, 2018
	Rangamati	Rangamati Sadar	40 houses burned, 3 women injured	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 20, 2018
February 21	Dhaka	Ashulia	No impact reported	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 21, 2018
	Dhaka	Savar	6 people injured	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 21, 2018
	Gaibandha	Sahdullapur	Property loss of BDT 10 lakh	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 21, 2018

	Chittagong	Boalkhali	No impact reported	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 21, 2018
February 22	Rangpur	Rangpur Sadar	Documents of the students were damaged	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 22, 2018
February 23	Dhaka	Darussalam	1 person died	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 23, 2018
February 24	Chittagong	Sitakunda	Property lost BDT 8 lakh	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 24, 2018
February 25	Noagaon	Manda	The loss of BDT 6 lakh in the fire	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 25, 2018
	Gazipur	Tongi	20 warehouse & 9 shops burnt	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 25, 2018
	Sylhet	Sylhet Sadar	Property lost BDT 50 lakh	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 25, 2018
	Barguna	Barguna Sadar	8 houses & 2 shops burnt	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 25, 2018
February 26	Chittagong	Chittagong Sadar	No impact reported	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 26, 2018
February 27	Munshiganj	Munshiganj Sadar	20 shops burned	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 27, 2018
	Dinajpur	Biral	Property lost BDT 300 Crore and 12 persons injured	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 27, 2018
	Gazipur	Gazipur Sadar	No impact reported	<a href="http://www.banglanews24.com">www.banglanews24.com</a> , February 27, 2018
	Chandpur	Hajiganj	Property lost BDT 50 lakh, 1 hurt	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 27, 2018
February 28	Cox's Bazar	Cox's Bazar Sadar	2 children died	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 28, 2018
	Dhaka	Paltan	No impact reported	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 28, 2018
<b>Total</b>		21 died, 21 injured, Property lost about BDT 333.48 Crore, medicine and raw materials damaged, a eucalyptus garden destroyed, 4 warehouses Damaged		

### **Embankment Collapse**

Six villages (East Sonarchar, Nayarhat, West Sonar Char, Chirjan, Eastkulagiri taluk, Kalatilikar and Charanjim) of Monpura upazila under Bhola district have been inundated by an embankment collapse. The newly built embankment in Fakirdon area on the east side of Chowdhury Bazar has been broken into four places because of land dislocation. Three residents of a house in East Sonarchar village are missing in this incident.

Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila		
February 25	Bhola	Monpura	3 villagers are missing; 6 villages have been inundated	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 25, 2018

### **Landslide**

Two landslides have been reported in February- both occurred in Sylhet (table 3). Four workers died in a quarry at Shah Arfin Tila of Companyganj upazila and one worker died at Bholaganj of Jaintapur upazila under Sylhet district. In both cases, the land of the stone quarry collapsed on a number of workers while they were extracting stones from the quarry.

Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila		
February 25	Sylhet	Companiganj	4 people died	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 25, 2018
February 26	Sylhet	Jaintapur	1 people died	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , February 26, 2018
<b>Total</b>		5 died, 3 missing		

## **Building Collapse**

A building collapse has been reported on 24<sup>th</sup> February at Lalbag thana under Dhaka. The side-wall of a three-storey building has been collapsed on on Harnath Ghosh Road while the building was demolishing. It injured two people and damaged a taxi partially.

Table 4: Loss and damage by Building Collapse in February 2018				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila		
February 24	Dhaka	Lalbag	2 people injured and a taxi damaged	<i>www.thedailystar.net</i> , February 24, 2018
<b>Total</b>		A taxicab damaged , 2 injured		

## **Wild Elephant Attack**

A wild elephant rampaged through Kutupalong Rohingya camp at Ukhia upazila of Cox's Bazar district and killed three including a child, injured 30 people and demolished 20 huts on 22<sup>nd</sup> February (table 5). The attack occurred at block D4 of the Modhuchara area in Kutupalang camp. Locals said the elephant entered the camp early in the morning and started attacking the refugees, causing Thousands of people to start running away in a panic. Officials from the Forest Department arrived at the scene and tactfully lead the elephant back to the forest (UNO, Ukhia upazila).

Table 5: Loss and damage by Wild Elephant Attack in February 2018				
Date	Location		Impact	Source
	District	Upazila		
February 22	Cox's Bazar	Ukhia	3 people died, injured 30 people and demolished 20 huts	<i>www.dhakatribune.com</i> & <i>www.banglanews24.com</i> , February 22, 2018
<b>Total</b>		3 people died, injured 30 people and demolished 20 huts		

## **GOB Responses in February 2018**

No Government response activity has been reported in February. However, an investigation group has been formed for recommendation in the fire of Rupali Bangla Jute Mills Limited, Dinajpur.

## **Conclusion**

Disaster frequency was comparatively high in the month of February than previous month, but no response activity has been reported. Lack of safety measures accelerated fire incidents that occurred almost every day in last month and caused death and injuries as well as huge damage to the property. Along with fire, other types of localized disasters such as landslide, building collapse and wild elephant attack were reported in February. Landslide was manmade and development induced. It occurred because of collecting stones which is an illegal practice. Poor awareness about safety measures resulted in building collapse. The Rohingyas have built shacks near the forest, close to areas that are inhabited by elephants, increasing the risk of wild elephant attacks.