



Overview of Hazard Incidences in January 2024

A total of **six** distinct hazard incidents occurred in Bangladesh during January 2024. These incidents included **COVID-19, Dengue, Boat Capsize, Fire incidents, Wall collapses, and Cold Wave**. In contrast to December 2023, there was a rise in the number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 cases and deaths that occurred during January 2024. There were **5** deaths reported during January along with **858** newly confirmed cases of COVID-19, according to [DGHS](#). Additionally, during the same month, **853** people recovered from the virus. There was a total of **656** fire incidents that were recorded and tragically, these fire incidents resulted in **6** fatalities and **5** injuries, as stated in the daily hazard situation report of the Department of Disaster Management ([DDM](#)), and the Daily Newspaper.

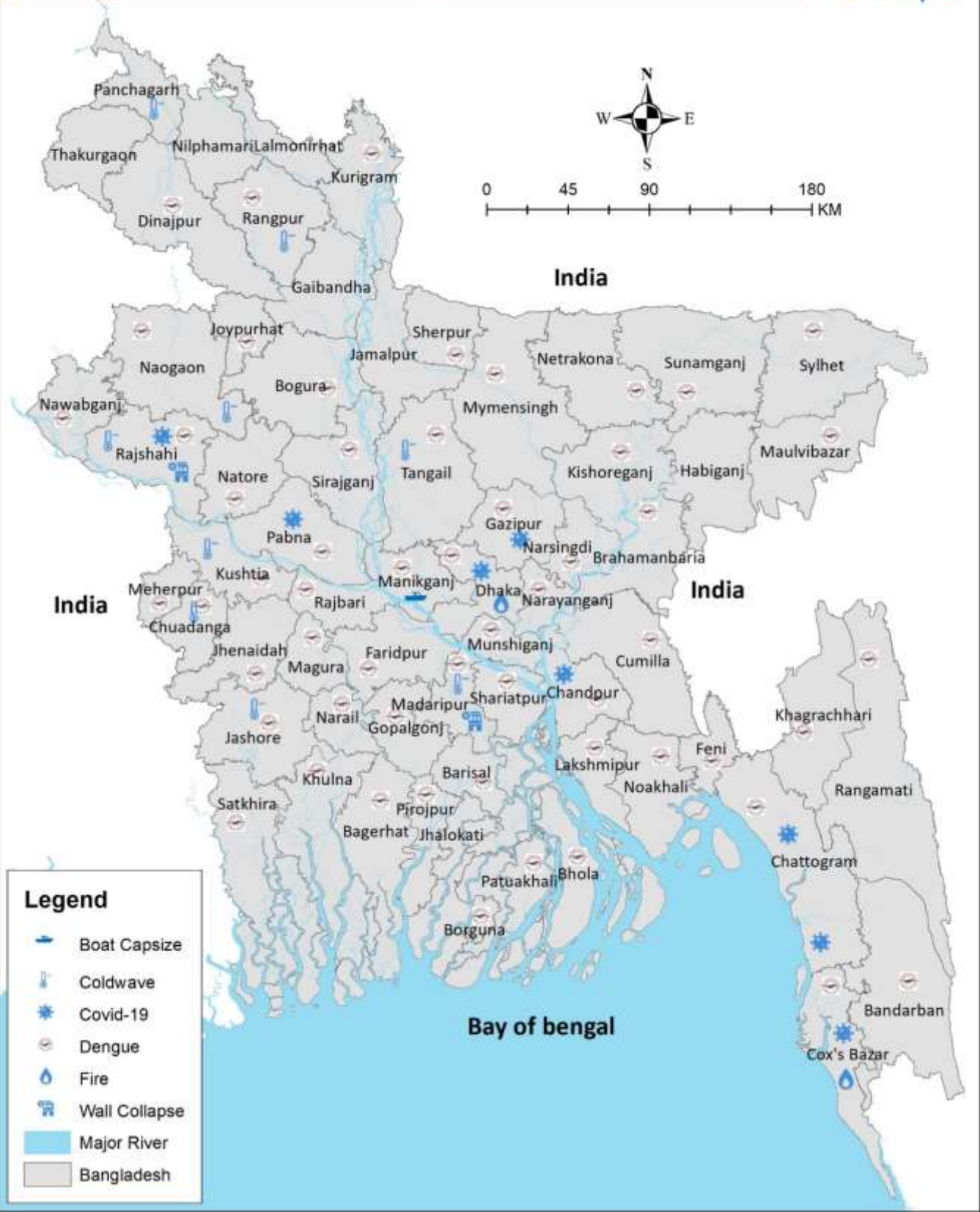
Moreover, there was a wall collapse that was witnessed, which resulted in the recording of **9** unfortunate deaths. In addition to that, one incident of boat capsizes occurred in Manikganj district where a ferry went underwater with trucks and pick-up vans. Both the number of Confirmed cases and deaths from Dengue saw a decrease in January 2024. As stated in the daily situation report provided by the Directorate General of Health Services ([DGHS](#)), the outbreak affected approximately **54** districts in Bangladesh, with a total of **1053** confirmed cases and **17** deaths reported during January.

Additionally, throughout January, the cold wave affected **18** districts, including regions in the Rangpur, Rajshahi, and Dhaka divisions, with Kishoreganj and Chuadanga also experiencing significant cold. In early January, Bangladesh experienced a challenging winter with a **mild cold wave** affecting various regions. Sreemangal in Moulvibazar recorded the lowest temperature at **9.7°C**. Tentulia in Panchagarh saw temperatures drop to **8.4°C**, indicating a mild cold wave. Earlier in the month, Chuadanga and Sirajganj experienced moderate cold waves with temperatures of **6.6°C**. Rajshahi, Pabna's Ishwardi, and Naogaon's Badalgachi also reported low temperatures of **9.5°C**. Dinajpur recorded **8.1°C** later in the month.

Monthly Hazard Incidence Calendar: January 2024

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			
Index		Dengue	Boat Capsize	Covid-19	Fire	Wall collapse

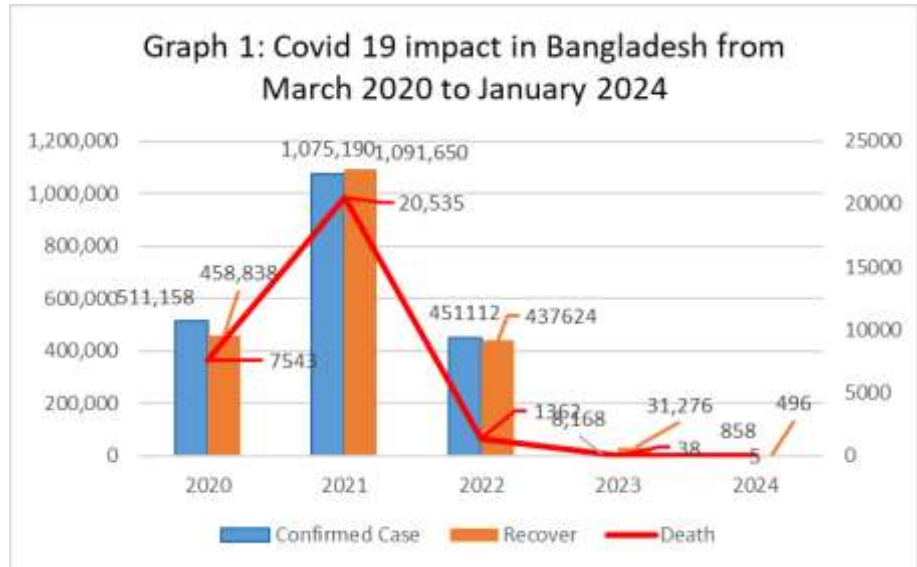
Hazard Incidence in Bangladesh, January 2024



Description of Hazard Incidences in January 2024

Covid-19

Between the first of January and the last day of January 2024, 858 patients were newly identified with Covid-19. During this period, there have been 5 reported deaths and 496 people have made a full recovery. This indicates that there has been an increase in the number of confirmed cases as well as the number of deaths when compared to December 2023.



Since the initial identification of COVID-19, the total number of confirmed cases has reached **2,047,151** as of the end of January and the total number of deaths in Bangladesh was **29,482**, and the total number of cases that were recovered was **2,017,669** (DGHS). To obtain a more comprehensive analysis, kindly refer to [Annex-1](#) as well as the table that is provided below.

Dengue

Based on [DGHS](#) daily situation report, there was a decrease in confirmed cases and deaths of dengue compared to the previous month. In January, **54** districts of Bangladesh were affected by dengue, and **Dhaka** as usual recorded the highest number of confirmed cases (**368**) and deaths (**8**). There were **1053** confirmed cases and **17** reported deaths in total throughout January. The map shows the spatial distribution of dengue-confirmed cases in January. For a more in-depth analysis, please refer to [Annex 2](#) and the table provided below.

Fire

According to the Disaster Situation Report of the Department of Disaster Management ([DDM](#)), **654** fire incidents took place across the country in January 2024. Dhaka division reported the highest number of fire incidents (**168**), followed by Chattogram (**96**) Khulna division (**91**), Rajshahi division (**77**), Rangpur division (**24**), Mymensingh division (**71**), Sylhet division (**52**), Barisal Division (**26**). Out of the **654** recorded incidents, **2** and **5** injuries were reported, along with significant property damage. For deep information check [Annex3](#). On January 5, 2024, a devastating incident unfolded in Golapbagh, Dhaka, as the Benapole Express train was intentionally set on fire, resulting in the tragic loss of at least four lives, including two children, and leaving several others injured. Video footage captured the severity of the inferno, showing individuals trapped within the engulfed train carriages. Injured survivors were swiftly transported to hospitals, including the Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, for urgent medical treatment. ([The Daily Star](#)). On January 8, 2024, another devastating fire ravaged four blocks of the Kutupalong Rohingya camp in Cox's Bazar. Originating from a house in block A of camp No. 5, the fire rapidly spread, destroying over a thousand homes before Fire Service personnel managed to control it early the following morning. Thankfully, there were no reported casualties. ([The Financial Express](#)).

Boat Capsize

On January 17, 2024, the second master of the ferry involved in the tragic sinking of Rajanigandha in the Padma River near Manikganj's Paturia was suspended. The ferry, along with nine pickup trucks and covered vans, capsized a week ago on the Daulatdia-Paturia route ([Dhaka Tribune](#)).

Cold Wave

On January 19, 2024, Bangladesh experienced a continuing cold wave, with fog disrupting transport. The lowest temperature recorded was **9.7** degrees Celsius in Panchagarh's Tetulia. ([The Business Standard](#)). On January 22, 2024, a persistent cold wave impacted **21** districts, leading to delayed school start times. Temperatures fell to **8.1** degrees Celsius, primarily in Rangpur, Rajshahi, Tangail, Madaripur, Jashore, Chuadanga, and Kushtia. ([The Business Standard](#)). On January 24, 2024, a mild cold wave affected **18** districts of Bangladesh, including Rangpur, Rajshahi, Kishoreganj, and Chuadanga. Temperatures dropped to **8.4** degrees Celsius in Tentulia, Panchagarh, signaling cold weather. ([Prothom alo](#)).

Wall Collapse

On January 30, 2024, a devastating event occurred at Rajshahi University when a section of the roof collapsed at the ongoing construction site of the 10-storey Shaheed AHM Kamaruzzaman Hall. This incident occurred at approximately 12:30 pm while nine workers were involved in casting the roof. Although the collapse resulted in injuries to at least nine laborers, there were no fatalities reported. The injured workers were quickly rescued and transported to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for necessary medical attention. ([bdnews24](#)).

GoB Response in January 2024

There is no GoB response for the hazard incidences in the month of January, 2024.

Conclusion

In January 2024, Bangladesh faced different types of hazards and adverse events, and the report underscores the critical need for a robust disaster management strategy to mitigate the impact of adverse events. This underscores the need for an integrated and proactive approach to disaster risk reduction.

Annex-1: Covid-19 Impacts in January 2024

Date	Division	District	Impact		Source
			Confirm case	Death	
1-31 Jan-23	Chittagong	Chittagong	7	0	DGHS
		Cox's Bazar	24	0	
		Chandpur	1	2	
	Dhaka	Dhaka	821	3	
		Gazipur	1	0	
	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	1	0	
		Pabna	3	0	
Total	3	7	858	5	

Annex-2: Dengue Impact in January 2024

Date	Division	District	Impact		Source	
			Confirm case	Death		
1-31 Oct-23	Barishal	Barisal	42	4	DGHS	
		Patuakhali	9	0		
		Bhola	5	0		
		Pirojpur	13	0		
		Barguna	54	0		
	Chattogram	Chittagong	70	2		
		Cox's Bazar	66	0		
		Bandarban	18	0		
		Rangamati	3	0		
		Khagrachari	9	0		
		Feni	10	0		
		Noakhali	9	0		
		Lakshmipur	13	1		
		Chandpur	55	0		
		Comilla	28	0		
		Brahmanbaria	3	0		
		Dhaka	Dhaka	368		8
			Faridpur	3		0
			Gazipur	26		0
			Gopalganj	3		0
	Kishoreganj		6	0		
	Madaripur		14	0		
	Manikganj		6	0		
	Munshiganj		5	0		
	Narayanganj		19	0		
	Narsingdi		28	0		
	Rajbari		6	0		
	Shariatpur		3	0		
	Tangail		16	0		
	Khulna	Jessore	13	0		
		Jhenaidah	8	0		
		Khulna	26	0		
		Kustia	5	0		
		Magura	3	0		
		Meherpur	7	0		
		Narail	13	0		
		Satkhira	5	0		
	Mymensingh	Mymensingh	10	0		
		Netrakona	3	0		
		Sherpur	4	0		
	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	11	0		
		Nawabganj	1	0		
Natore		2	0			
Naogaon		2	0			
Pabna		4	0			
Sirajganj		5	0			
Bogura		2	0			
Joypurhat		1	0			
Rangpur	Rangpur	8	0			
	Kurigram	4	0			
	Dinajpur	1	2			
Sylhet	Sylhet	3	0			
	Sunamganj	1	0			
	Maulvibazar	1	0			
Total	8	54	1053	17		

Annex-3: Fire Incidences in January 2024

Division	Total	Impacts	Source
Dhaka	168	1 was injured and 2 people died	DDM
Mymensingh	71	No casualties recorded	
Barisal	26	No casualties recorded	
Sylhet	52	No casualties recorded	
Rajshahi	77	No casualties recorded	
Chattogram	96	No casualties recorded	
Khulna	91	No casualties recorded	
Rangpur	73	4 people were injured	
Total		2 people were killed, and 5 injured	