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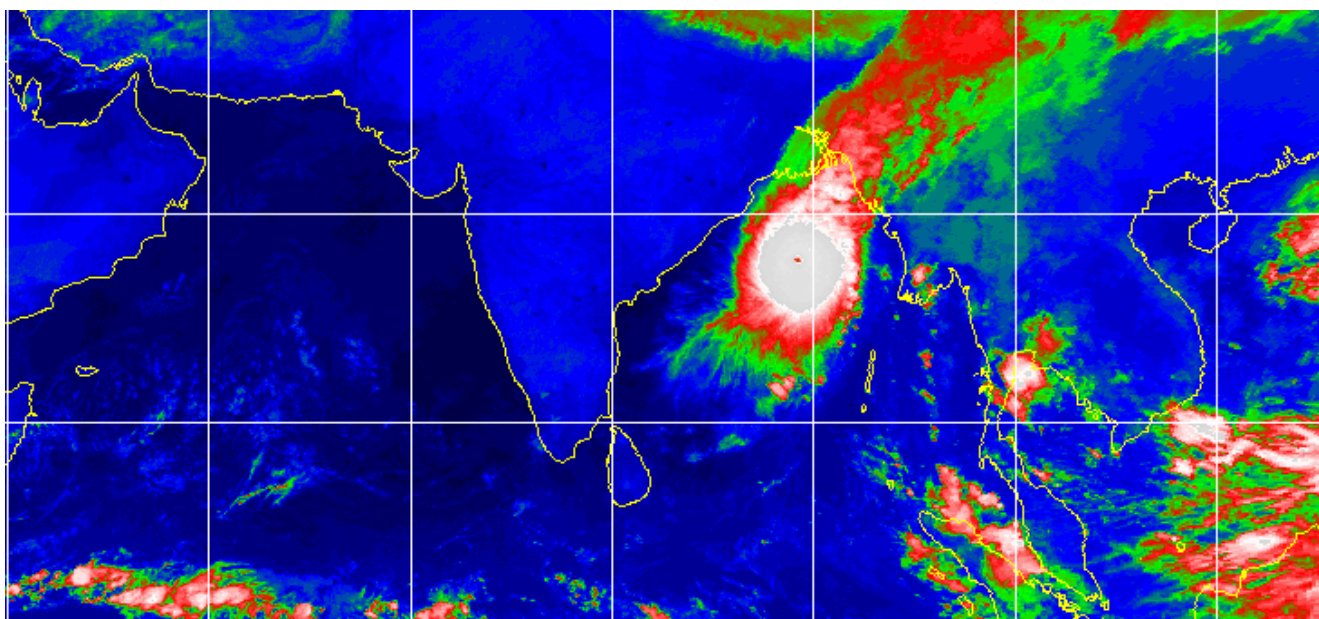


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Emergency Title:	Cyclonic Storm "SIDR" over North Bay of Bengal
Emergency Location:	Bangladesh 20°22'N-26°36'N, 87°48'E-92°41'E,
Covering Period:	From: WED-14-NOV-2007:1800 To: THU-15-NOV-2007:1800
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Special Weather Bulletin on Cyclonic Storm "SIDR" over North Bay of Bengal

Current Situation: The severe Cyclonic Storm "SIDR" with a core of Hurricane winds over North Bay of Bengal was centered at 09 AM and may cross Khulna - Barisal coast by evening today (the 15th November 2007). Maritime port of Mongla has been advised to keep hoisted Great Danger Signal no. Ten (r) Ten. Maritime ports of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar have been advised to keep hoisted Great Danger Signal no. Nine (r) Nine. All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay must remain in shelter till further notice.

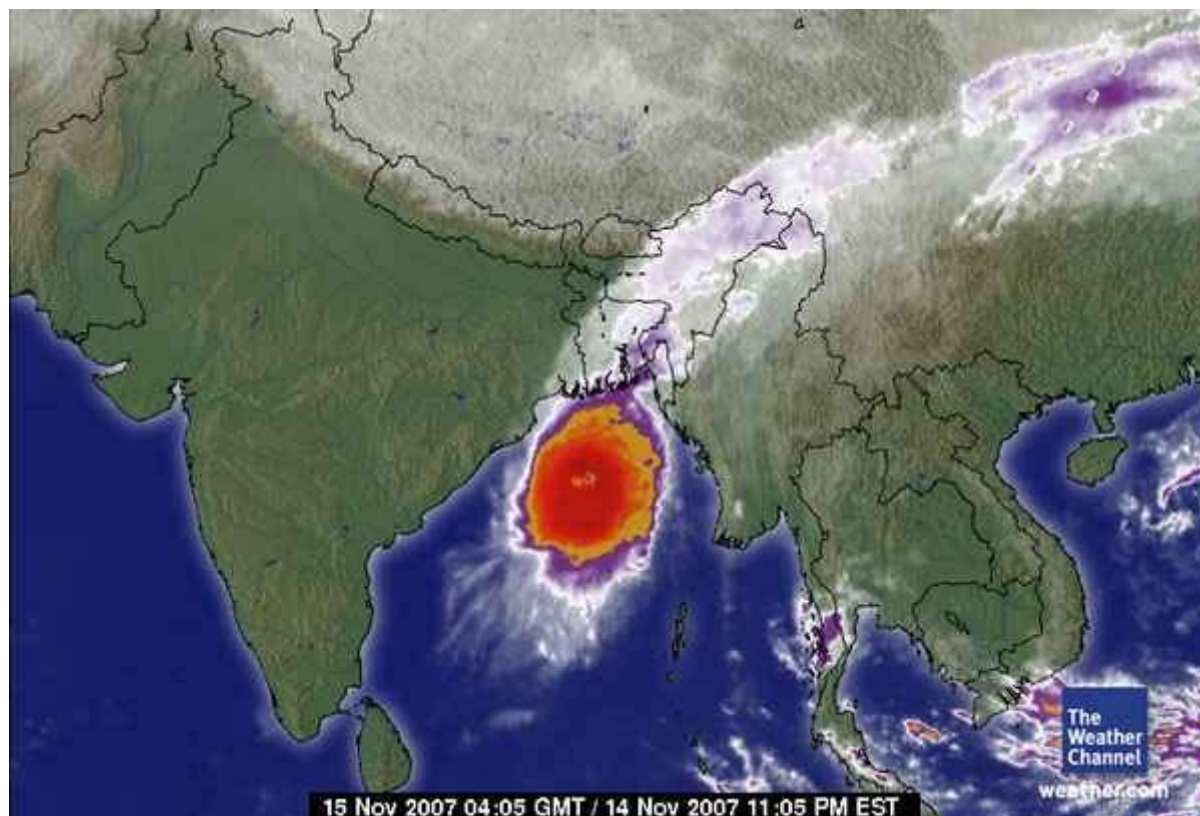


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SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN (November 15, 2007 at 1030)

THE SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM "SIDR" (ECP 942 HPA) WITH A CORE OF HURRICANE WINDS OVER NORTH BAY OF BENGAL MOVED NORTHWARDS AND WAS CENTERED AT 09 AM TODAY (THE 15TH NOVEMBER 2007) ABOUT **500 KMS SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF CHITTAGONG PORT, 435 KMS SOUTHWEST OF COX'S BAZAR PORT AND 415 KMS SOUTH OF MONGLA PORT (NEAR LAT 18.6° N & LONG 89.2° E)**. IT IS LIKELY TO INTENSIFY FURTHER AND **MOVE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION** AND CROSS KHULNA-BARISAL COAST BY EVENING TODAY (THE 15TH NOVEMBER 2007).

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED WITHIN 74 KMS OF THE STORM CENTER IS ABOUT 200 KPH RISING TO 220 KPH IN GUSTS/SQUALLS. SEA WILL REMAIN VERY HIGH.



MARITIME PORT OF MONGLA HAS BEEN ADVISED TO KEEP HOISTED **GREAT DANGER SIGNAL NO. TEN (R) TEN**. THE COASTAL DISTRICTS OF BHOLA, BARISAL, PATUAKHALI, BORGUNA, PIROZPUR, JHALOKATHHI, BAGERHAT, KHULNA, SATKHIRA AND THEIR OFFSHORE ISLANDS AND CHARS WILL REMAIN UNDER **GREAT DANGER SIGNAL NO. TEN (R) TEN**.

MARITIME PORTS OF CHITTAGONG AND COX'S BAZAR HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO KEEP HOISTED **GREAT DANGER SIGNAL NO. NINE (R) NINE**. THE COASTAL DISTRICTS OF COX'S BAZAR, CHITTAGONG, NOAKHALI, FENI, LAXMIPUR, CHANDPUR AND THEIR OFFSHORE ISLANDS AND CHARS WILL REMAIN UNDER **GREAT DANGER SIGNAL NO. NINE (R) NINE**.

THE INLAND RIVER PORTS OF THE DISTRICTS OF COX'S BAZAR, CHITTAGONG, NOAKHALI, FENI, LAXMIPUR, BHOLA, BARISAL, PATUAKHALI, BORGUNA, CHANDPUR, PIROZPUR, JHALOKHATHI, BAGERHAT, KHULNA, JESSORE AND SATKHIRA HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO KEEP HOISTED **RIVERINE GREAT DANGER SIGNAL NO. FOUR (R) FOUR**.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE STORM, THE COASTAL DISTRICTS OF COX'S BAZAR, CHITTAGONG, NOAKHALI, FENI, LAXMIPUR, BHOLA, BARISAL, PATUAKHALI, BORGUNA, CHANDPUR, PIROZPUR, JHALOKHATHI, BAGERHAT, KHULNA, SATKHIRA, JESSORE AND THEIR OFFSHORE ISLANDS AND CHARS ARE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE HEAVY/ VERY HEAVY RAIN ACCOMPANIED BY SQUALLY WIND SPEED UP TO 220 KPH WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE STORM.

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THE LOW LYING AREAS OF THE COASTAL DISTRICTS OF COX'S BAZAR, CHITTAGONG, NOAKHALI, FENI, LAXMIPUR, BHOLA, BARISAL, PATUAKHALI, BORGUNA, CHANDPUR, PIROZPUR, JHALOKHATHI, BAGERHAT, KHULNA, SATKHIRA, JESSORE AND THEIR OFFSHORE ISLANDS AND CHARS ARE **LIKELY TO BE INUNDATED BY STORM SURGE OF HEIGHT 15-20 FEET ABOVE NORMAL ASTRONOMICAL TIDE.**

ALL FISHING BOATS AND TRAWLERS OVER NORTH BAY MUST REMAIN IN SHELTER TILL FURTHER NOTICE.

[Source: Bangladesh Meteorological Department – BMD]

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM WITH A CORE OF HURRICANE WINDS OVER EAST CENTRAL BAY AND ADJOINING NORTH BAY HEAVY TO VERY HEAVY RAINFALL MAY OCCUR OVER THE DISTRICTS OF COX'S BAZAR, CHITTAGONG, NOAKHALI, FENI, LAXMIPUR, BHOLA, BARISAL, PATUAKHALI, BORGUNA, CHANDPUR, COMILLA, FARIDPUR, DHAKA, PIROZPUR, JHALOKATHI, BAGERHAT, KHULNA, SATKHIRA, JESSORE AND KUSHTIA DURING NEXT 24 HRS COMMENCING 06 AM OF 15 NOVEMBER.

[Source: Bangladesh Meteorological Department – BMD]

WEATHER FORECAST (VALID FOR 24 HOURS COMMENCING 09 AM TODAY)

Synoptic Situation: The Severe Cyclonic storm “ SIDR “ with a core of Hurricane winds over East-Central Bay and adjoining area moved Northwards into North Bay of Bengal intensified further (ECP942HPA) and was centred at 06 AM today (The15th November 2007) Near Lat 18.0° N and Long 89.2° E). It is likely to intensify further and move in a Northerly direction and cross Khulna-Barisal coast by evening today.

Forecast: Rain/ T. showers accompanied by tempo. gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions with heavy to very heavy falls places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions.

Night temperature may fall by 3-5° C over the country.

[Source: Bangladesh Meteorological Department – BMD]

Precautionary Measurements at Disaster prone Districts

- MoFDM have ordered to hoist appropriate Signal and flags at cyclone centres and other vulnerable and disaster prone places.
- The ministry have also ordered to announce through immense mike about the severity of the cyclone among the people for precaution to save of lives, livelihoods and livestock.
- MoFDM have ordered the mobilization of CPP volunteers in accordance with established operating procedures.
- Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme has mobilized partner NGOs to support CPP.
- Government disaster management system activated and coordinating pre-impact preparedness and evacuation.
- DMIC has been activated and remains open round the clock to monitor and report on changing situations.
- Cyclones are known for their unpredictability so all inhabitants on the south coast should remain vigilant. Flash flooding could be the most severe impact regardless of wind speeds.
- Control Room of the Directorate of Relief and Rehabilitation of the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management is communicating with all District Relief and Rehabilitation Offices (DRROs) of the coastal districts for evacuation. Several DRROs informed that evacuation preparations are completed. Cox's Bazar DRRO informed that evacuation has already been started there.
- Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) instructed the District Disaster Management Committees (DDMC) and Emergency Response Resources of coastal districts to stand by. Coastguard and Bangladesh Navy are also ready to cope with any disaster situation. Disaster emergency control room has been opened in every coastal district and officers are already deployed for control rooms.
- DRR in Charge, Bhola district informed that regarding the preparedness after receiving the signal No. 10 yesterday they had District Disaster Management Committee at 1.15h, in order to prepare the district. He also informed that Upazila level DMC meetings were also held. About 270 Shelters and the volunteers are ready to assist. Today morning many of male and adult persons left shelters anticipating the losses of their assets, livestock and other items those are left at their home, the female, children and disable persons remained at the Shelters.
- DRRO Cox's Bazar informed that Cyclone Centers in Cox's Bazar, Teknaf and St. Martins are ready and standby to accommodate people after evacuating from vulnerable areas if necessary. 200 tourists are staying in St. Martins in addition of the island's local people

[Source: Ministry of Food and Disaster Management – MoFDM]