

**Updates on Tornado**

**Death toll rose up to 69, missing 20**

**WEATHER IS BEHAVING STRANGE IN BANGLADESH**

Over the last couple of days, it is observed, the weather has been behaving strangely in different places. On 14<sup>th</sup> April Mymensingh and Netrokona experienced tornado. On 13 April Moulvi Bazar has also been experienced the same. Received flash flood news from North-eastern districts i.e.: Sylhet and Sunamgonj. Even in summer, unusually weather become so chilly at the end of night in Northern districts.

**UPDATES ON TORNADO:** Residents of about 3000 in 37 tornado-affected villages at Netrokona and Mymensingh are now living under the open sky. Two more peoples succumbed for their injuries at Netrokona General Hospital yesterday bringing to 69 the number of the victims killed in the storm. The storm-hit people have been suffering from acute crisis of food and shelter. The people of many affected villages especially of Purbadhala are yet to receive any relief. Diarrhoea has been reported from some villages in Netrokona Sadar.

The giant tornado with wind speeds of 120 km an hour swept over the 3 Upazila of North-Central Bangladesh has torn the habitat on 14<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Haluaghat-Mymensingh:** There are four village ruined by Tornado named Purba sumunia, Gazirvita, Boalmara and Chaprakona where 100% houses damaged. The district administration distributed 100 tones of rice, 250 bundles of CI sheet, 300 pieces of sharee, 200 lungi and Tk. 2,50,000 among the victims. Local administration sources said the tornado left 3,000 people of 720 families homeless. They are in need of housing materials and food. Military teams are serving cooked *khichuri*. The villagers also cannot take bath, as they do not have any other clothes, except those on.

**Netrokona Sadar:** As of today 47 persons reported dead and approx. 2500 injured. Hospital sources said, some 450 persons were got admitted to different hospitals. The villagers are looking for some of their relatives. Standing crops and houses are damaged totally. Most of the trees are broken and uplifted. Cattle are seen dead hear and there. Local Administration and different Volunteer Organizations and Local People provided Clothes, Pure water, Foods, Candle, Matches, and Cash Taka. Police, BDR and Army and Local Volunteers are distributing from stored Relief to the affected people. DC Sherpur called Emergency Meeting for DDMC and Others Organization and Local Elites. The meeting decided that a Coordination Cell would be opened at DC Office.

The table bellow shows the affected areas, was prepared based on our information collected from local Chairman, affected people and UNO& PIO Netrokona.

District	Upazila	Union	Village
Mymensingh	Haluaghat	Gazirbhita	Purbasomoruapara, Gazirvita, Boalmara, Kanchanpur, Joynagar, Jalalpur, Nachaur
Netrokona	Sadar	Maugati	Monkandia, Fazilpur, Fachika, Gordi, Bongaon, Koyrati, Uluati, Tengra
		Medni	Medni, Dikzan, Batruvita, Kharbangia, Hasempur
		Rauha	Rauha, Shahpur, Amiikeshebpur, Shekhergati, Shoarikanda, Atkapara, Shaldigha

	Purbadhala	Dhalamulgaon	Charpara, Bashaura, Kristapur
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**Tornado at Moulvi Bazar:** CARE Sylhet informed us that a nor'wester lashed four villages in Rajnagar Upazila in the Moulvi Bazar district, leaving 60 people injured and 450 house damaged on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 4PM.

Our member organization FIVDB and USS, based on their field visit adds: At least 2131 families of Malaghar and Moshjan villages have been fully and partially affected by the tornado. Trees and about 400 houses (Pucca and Katcha) partially and fully damaged. Total 150 peoples injured and admitted to different hospitals at Rajnagar, Moulvi Bazar and Sylhet. Government medical teams from Moulvi Bazar and Rajnagar visited the affected areas and treatment the injured peoples. Chairman and local peoples informed that Local rich peoples and different political Parties help the affected peoples (Rice, Flatten Rice) Nearest UDMC of Pathanusher distributed 40 Kgs of flatten rice and 48 packets candle among the affected peoples. Local peoples and chairman informed that Govt. and NGOs not yet response but we found Red Crescent teams are visiting the affected areas.

**Flash Flood:** Due to incessant rain and hilly water two northeastern districts have become affected by untimely flash flood. The floodwater submerged the Boro paddy of thousands of acres. Boro is the only one crop of the year in this haor area. It is estimated that the boro of 70 thousand hectares has gone under water In Sunamgonj. According to the District Administration, the total loss would be Tk. 3 crores. Flash flood affected two Upazila i.e. Kanaighat and Zakiganj in Sylhet. The situation unchanged. At least 30 villages of 4 unions of Zakiganj Upazila under Sylhet are inundated. The name of the unions is; Kajalshah, Bharhal, Khalachara and Birasree. The flash flood caused damage to Boro paddy and vegetables mainly. A small number of family has taken refuge to the nearby highland and different schools. Kutcha and pucca roads of these affected areas are submerged.

#### **Who is doing what?**

In the meantime Government and different Non-government organizations are engaged in emergency response.

- Government has allocated and distributed Tk. 5 lakhs, 200MT rice, sharee 500, lungi 500 for Netrokona Sadar and Purbadhala and Tk 2,50000, 250 bundles of CI sheet and 100Tonnes of rice for Haluaghat victims.
- Army and local medical teams are treating people for injuries in the affected villages.
- Police, paramilitary Bangladesh, Bangladesh Rifles and volunteers are also working on rehabilitation of tornado victims.
- Oxfam GB started distributing the following things among the victims (2 lakh taka for clean up debris, Polythene Sheet 140 roll, Alum 25 bags, Bleaching Powder 15 drum, ORS 50 thousand) and planning to go for a bigger response amounting of TK 1 crore within 2/3 days. They will distribute the following materials among 2000 victims. The support package includes-Tk. 4 lakhs for clean up debris, 4 lakhs for Cash for work, Cooking kit, Plastic Sheet 400 roles, Jerrican, Bucket, Water Purifying tablet, Tube well, Treatment of ponds, Latrine 500, ORS 50 thousands, Soap 8 Thousands, Alam 25 bags, Survival package (Rice 50 kg, Pulse 4 kg, Oil 6 litre, salt 4 kg and cooking kit)
- Concern has started distribution of non food items (Sharee, lungi, cooking pot, meal plate, drinking glass, etc.) to 1000 households at Netrokona and 350 household in Haluaghat
- Action Aid has planned to reach 1000 families with food and non-food item within next 2/3 days
- Handicap International is planning to go for a response

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