

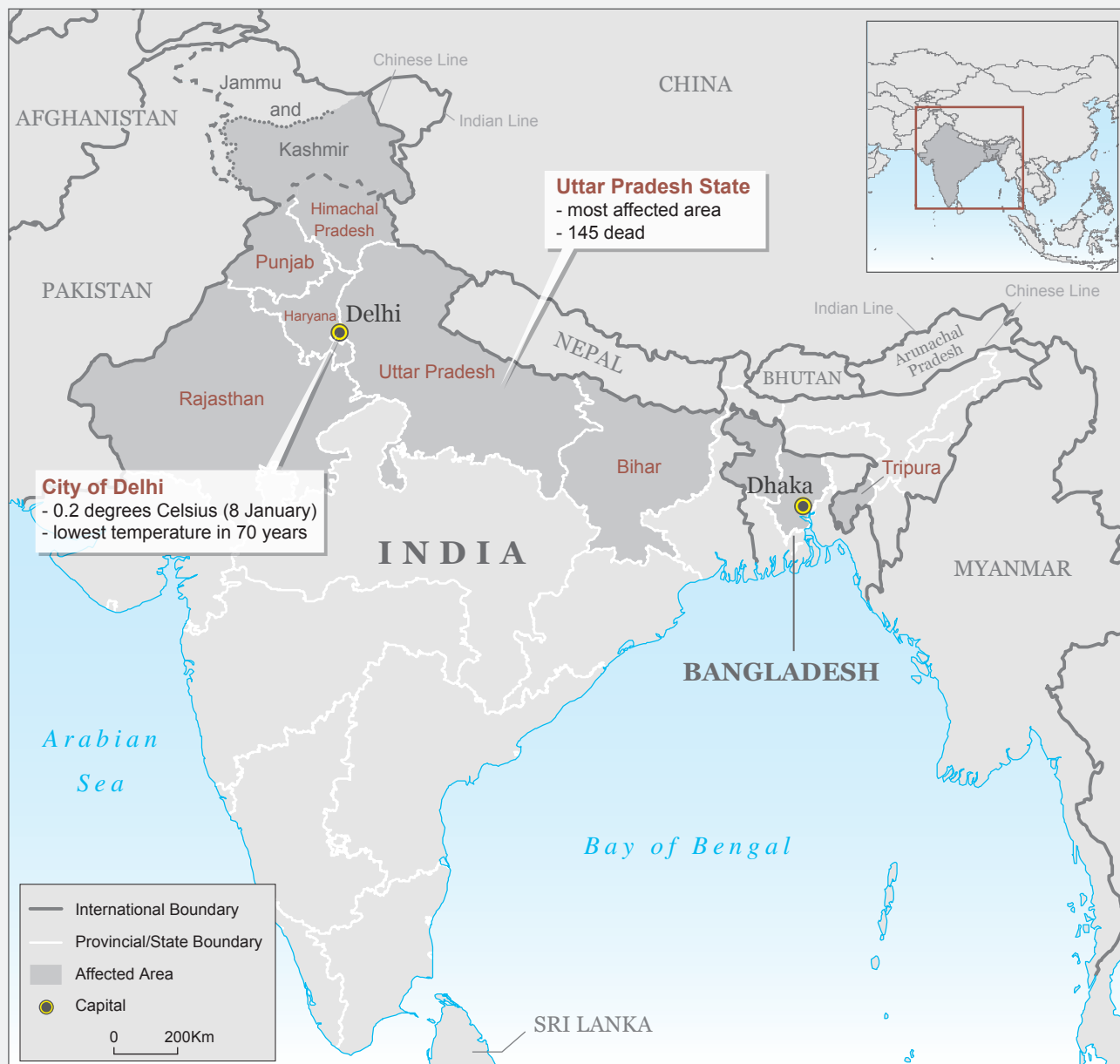
Bangladesh and India: Cold Wave

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"There are reports of over 100 cold-related deaths in Bangladesh while over 180 people are reported to have perished in India due to the lower-than-normal temperatures."



SITUATION

Bangladesh:

Experiencing cold spell since late December 2005. Most severe in central and northern regions, affecting millions of people. Access to northern parts of Bangladesh disrupted. Thousands suffering cold-related conditions (colds, fever, pneumonia, asthma, respiratory complications) and seeking treatment.

India:

Several areas of country experiencing significantly lower-than-normal temperatures. Crop damage of up to 15% reported in some regions. Road, rail and air traffic disrupted.

ACTION

Bangladesh:

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society distributing blankets to affected areas. Monitoring the situation continues.

India:

Indian Red Cross distributed blankets, shawls and sweaters to vulnerable people.

Datum: WGS 1984

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