

Hazard Type: Earthquake

Location: Nepal, India and Bangladesh

Reporting Period: 26 April'15

Detail Information:

An earthquake rattled the Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Rajshahi, Dinajpur, Rongpur, Kushtia and different parts of the country on April, 25. The 7.8 magnitude earthquake's epicenter was 81 kilometers (50 miles) northwest of Kathmandu, Nepal at a depth of 9.3 miles. The Meteorological Department stated that the epicenter of the earthquake was 745 km north-west of Bangladesh. Tremors were felt also across the region, in India, Tibet, China, Tibet and Pakistan (*Prothom Alo; bdnews24.com; the Daily Star, April, 25; and CNN, April, 26*).

Another Earthquake followed the earlier one as an aftershock at 13.08 on 26th April to hit Nepal with a magnitude of 6.7 along with Bangladesh and India (*Prothom Alo; bdnews24.com; the Daily Star, April, 26; and CNN, April, 26*).

Damage Information:

Bangladesh: In Bangladesh, total 5 people were killed and up to 100 people were injured while evacuating. One female was killed by collapse of wall made of mud along with other two women were killed in Pabna and Dhaka. One worker was killed along with 50 injuries in Savar. Another death toll occurred in Sunamganj. 50 readymade garment workers were injured at Ishwardi (*Situation Report, DDM, April 25; Prothom, April, 26*). 23 buildings were damaged in all over Bangladesh (*Situation Report, DDM, and April, 25*).

Earthquake, 25 April: Damage and loss in Bangladesh		
Death	Injury	Structural Damage
4 persons died (1 in Savar, Dhaka; 1 in Bogra; 1 in Sunamganj; &1 in Pabna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10-12 workers injured at Mission Group Garment Factory in Savar ▪ 2-3 workers injured at Kardena garment in Comilla 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Five story building has been cracked in Banlga Bazar, Dhaka ▪ Six story building has been tilted in Nawabpur, Dhaka ▪ Five story building has been tiled in Mirpur, Dhaka ▪ Seven story building has been tiled in Keraniganj, Dhaka. ▪ A hotel tiled has been in Baridhara , Dhaka ▪ 2 commercial buildings tiled in Narayanganj ▪ 1 garment factory tiled in Gazipur ▪ 1 school damaged in Gopalganj ▪ 10 story commercial building crack has been occurred in Feni ▪ A building has been cracked in Nabiganj, Sylhet ▪ A school tiled in Gangachara upazila, Rangpur ▪ 2 schools has been damaged in Gaibandha ▪ 2 buildings has been damaged in Rajshahi ▪ 4 buildings were tiled in Naogaon ▪ Crack has been found at a school in Sonatola, Bogra
<i>Source: Disaster situation report, DDM, April, 25, 2015</i>		

Nepal: The 7.8 magnitude quake along with a strong aftershock of magnitude 6.6 followed by nearly three dozen other aftershocks struck an area of central Nepal between the capital, Kathmandu, and the city of Pokhara on Saturday morning (April 25, 2015). The Home Ministry identifies that more than 2263 people were killed and 4,718 people were injured (till 17.00, CNN, April 26) which mainly include only information of cities. The earthquake flattened homes, buildings and temples, causing widespread damage along with wrecking many historic buildings include the Dharahara tower, the landmark nine-story structure. Kathmandu airport was shut till 4 pm, Indigo, SpiceJet flights forced back after fresh tremors jolt Nepal (India today April, 26) Mobile phones, Electricity and other communications were disrupted. Around 6.6 million people are affected in Nepal according to the UN Office in Kathmandu (India today April, 26). The Government of Nepal declared the National Emergency. (ekantipur.com, April, 26)



Photo 1: Building tilted due to earthquake in Nepal



Photo 2: A man trapped under a building in Nepal

Government of Bangladesh provided 10 tons of reliefs including food (biscuit, water, and dry foods), medical (medicine) and humanitarian help (tent, blanket) along with a team of 34 members consisted of 6 groups of physicians and Bangladesh Air force crew (bdnews24.com, April, 26; Prothom Alo, April, 26).

The U.S. government is providing \$1 million in immediate assistance to Nepal. Aid agencies expressed concern for the welfare of survivors in the coming days, as overnight temperatures were expected to drop and people were forced to make do without electricity, running water and shelter. (US Geological Survey, CNN, April, 26; BBC News, April 26 and Prothom Alo, April 25).

The UK has deployed a team of humanitarian experts to Nepal to provide urgent support. A number of British charities are assembling disaster teams to join the rescue effort.

Oxfam, Christian Aid, Save the Children, the British Red Cross and Plan International UK are assessing the humanitarian need in the disaster struck area.

India: Officials in India confirmed at least 52 deaths in three states from the Earthquake. (bdnews24.com, April, 26)

Tibet: At least 17 people were killed and 53 injured along with roads buckled and buildings collapse in Tibet. (bdnews24.com, April, 26)

Avalanches in Himalayan: Twenty two (22) people have killed along with 237 missing on Mount Everest by avalanches caused by the Earthquake, the mountain's worst-ever disaster (BdNews.24.com, April, 26)

Reporting from:
NIRAPAD Secretariat
4/16 (1st Floor), Humayun Road, Block-B
Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207
Bangladesh