

Situation Report 1 – MONSOON-TRIGGERED LANDSLIDES AND FLOODING IN COX'S BAZAR, BANDARBAN AND CHATTOGRAM, BANGLADESH

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As part of ongoing disaster preparedness efforts, BDRCS Cox's Bazar Red Crescent Youth volunteers are conducting miking campaigns to raise awareness for landslides among communities in Cox's Bazar. Photo: BDRCS Cox's Bazar Unit.

Overall Situation:

A monsoon depression persisting over south Jharkhand and adjoining Odisha, India, combined with a strong active monsoon current over the North Bay of Bengal, is bringing heavy to very heavy rainfall to Cox's Bazar, Bandarban and Chattogram districts from 6 to 9 July 2026, with cumulative rainfall forecast at 250–400 mm over this period an increase on the previous day's outlook¹. In the 24 hours to 6:00 AM on 7 July, BMD recorded 283 mm of rainfall in Chattogram, 195 mm in Kutubdia, 129 mm in Cox's Bazar and 128 mm in Bandarban, indicating that the heaviest rainfall band has shifted north into Chattogram while remaining severe across all three districts¹. Local Cautionary Signal No. 3 remains hoisted for the seaports of Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla and Payra and fishing boats have been advised to remain in shelter².

BMD's updated Special Warning Bulletin for Landslide (No. 05/2026, issued 7 July, 13:00 BST) has widened the high-risk classification. Teknaf, Ukhiya and Cox's Bazar Sadar upazilas in Cox's Bazar; Naikhongchhari, Lama and Bandarban Sadar upazilas in Bandarban; and Wards 7, 8, 9 and 14 of Chattogram City Corporation together with Banskhali upazila in Chattogram are now all classified as high landslide risk with Bandarban Sadar and Banskhali/Chattogram City Corporation upgraded from medium to high risk since the previous bulletin. Only Rangamati district remains under watch as a comparatively lower risk area¹. The warning has already translated into loss of life. In the early hours of 6 July, three separate landslides struck Rohingya refugee camps (FDMN) in Ukhiya upazila Jamtoli Camp-15, Kutupalong Camp-7 and Balukhali Camp-11 killing eight people, including five children, when hillsides collapsed onto shelters built on unstable slopes. A ninth person died in a separate landslide in Cox's Bazar municipality. Fire Service

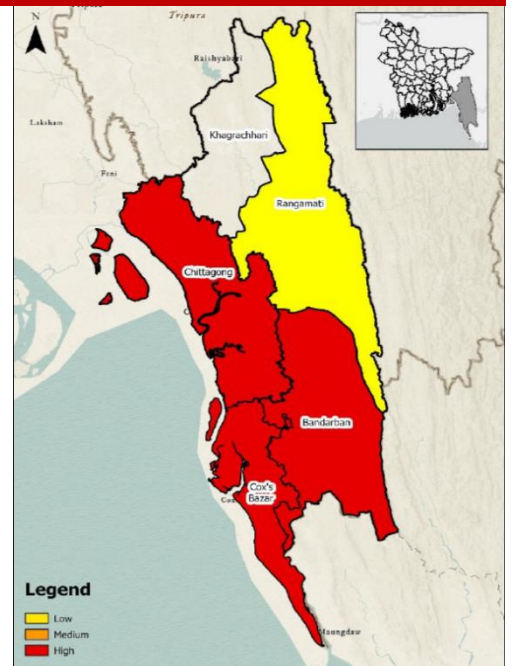


Figure 1: Figure 1: Potential Risk of Landslides, BMD 7 July 2026

and Civil Defence personnel, the Armed Police Battalion (APBN) and Rohingya volunteers carried out overnight search-and-rescue operations³. With rainfall intensifying and risk levels rising across all three districts, the cumulative toll has continued to climb: as of 7 July, 10 fatalities and 88 injuries have been recorded across 170 weather-related incidents since 5 July, and the potential for further casualties and damage remains high over the coming days as forecasted².

Impact on affected Districts:



Cox's Bazar (camp settlements): Between 5 and 7 July 2026, a cumulative total of 170 weather-related incidents have been reported across the 33 Rohingya camps, affecting 3,666 households (17,089 individuals). A total of 1,722 shelters have sustained damage and 3,437 people have been displaced. The incidents have resulted in 10 fatalities and 88 injuries recorded to date². These figures underscore the significant humanitarian impact of the ongoing monsoon conditions and the continued need for monitoring, preparedness and response, particularly in areas at heightened risk of flooding, waterlogging and landslides. Host-community impact data had not yet been released by local authorities as of this reporting period. Fatalities recorded:

- Jamtoli Camp-15 (Palongkhali union): a family of three, including a young child, killed when a hillside collapsed onto their shelter.
- Kutupalong Camp-7 (Rajapalong union): one seven-year-old child killed after being buried under earth from a hill slope.
- Balukhali Camp-11: four members of one family, including children, killed when a hillside collapsed onto their shelter.
- Cox's Bazar municipality (Ward 12): one person killed after being trapped under debris from a hill collapse.

Bandarban: Naikhongchhari, Lama and Bandarban Sadar upazilas are all now classified as high landslide risk, with 128 mm of rainfall recorded in the last 24 hours to 7 July¹. According to a BDRCS Bandarban Unit field update (7 July, 3:50 PM), the mobile telecommunications network in the district is down and electricity supply has been cut, severely constraining communication and coordination⁴.

Chattogram: 283 mm of rainfall was recorded in the 24 hours to 7 July the highest in the region with Wards 7, 8, 9 and 14 of Chattogram City Corporation and Banskhali upazila now upgraded to high landslide risk¹. The district administration has identified nine hazardous hills across the city as being at imminent risk⁵

Bangladesh red crescent society (BDRCS) actions:

BDRCS National Headquarters: BDRCS has activated its central Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), maintaining real-time coordination with its units in Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, and Bandarban to gather first-hand field information. The National Headquarters remains on standby to activate its contingency plan and mobilize an immediate response, while continuously monitoring weather updates and warning advisories issued by the BMD⁴.

Cox's Bazar: BDRCS/IFRC has mobilized nearly 1,500 Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) unit volunteers across the sub-districts of Cox's Bazar to support community readiness through awareness-raising and emergency evacuation from at-risk areas, in line with advisories from sub-district administrations. Jointly, more than 2,000 trained volunteers continue to support site management and camp-in-charge teams across all 33 camps in incident management including emergency relocation, awareness messaging, search and rescue, collection of primary damage information to inform sectoral planning, and provision of emergency humanitarian assistance to affected families. As the shelter focal point in Camps 11 and 12, BDRCS/IFRC has distributed emergency shelter kits to 277 families whose shelters were damaged in this heavy rainfall event. Health MHPSS (109 people reached) and WASH facilities continue to be monitored, with teams mobilized for need-based repair and maintenance to sustain service delivery to camps². BDRCS Cox's Bazar Unit attended the District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) meeting and remains in close contact with the District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer (DRRO). In coordination with the District Commissioner's office, 200 Red Crescent Youth volunteers have been deployed for awareness message dissemination. The unit is currently assisting evacuation efforts and assessing the needs of stranded households in both Ukhiya and Chakoria.

Bandarban: The BDRCS Bandarban Unit is coordinating with the District Commissioner's office, District Information Office, DRRO, Fire Service and Civil Defence and other stakeholders. Jointly with the District Information Office instruction, 25 Red Crescent Youth volunteers began awareness miking from the morning of 7 July. BDRCS NHQ has already dispatched additional megaphones, first-aid boxes, soft stretchers and safety vests to the Bandarban Unit to support first-aid and search-and-rescue response along with Public awareness campaign⁴.

Chattogram: The BDRCS Chattogram District and City Units have activated Emergency Control Rooms with dedicated hotline numbers to receive and respond to emergency and evacuation requests. 20 district unit RCY volunteers are on standby for emergency deployment at the district level, while 30 City Unit volunteers are disseminating public awareness messages through milking in coordination with the City Corporation. On 6 July, RCY volunteers conducted miking campaigns in Saral Union, Banskhali Municipality and Chambal Union and on 7 July in Lalkhal and Pahartali to raise awareness of landslide risks from continuous heavy rainfall. The units are maintaining close coordination with the District Administration. Awareness activities will continue in line with directives from the District Administration.



Government and other Organizations actions:

The Bangladesh Meteorological Department issued an updated Special Warning Bulletin for Landslide (No. 05/2026) on 7 July, widening the high-risk classification across all three districts and continuing to advise shelter preparation, evacuation of at-risk groups, and monitoring of forecasts¹.

- Chattogram district administration urged immediate evacuation of residents from nine hazardous hills — including Debpahar, Tigerpass, Batali Hill and Miar Pahar and opened shelter centres across the city; Chattogram City Corporation, under Mayor has been conducting loudspeaker (miking) announcements since the morning of 6 July.
- In Cox's Bazar:
 - Ukhiya Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) confirmed camp-level loudspeaker warnings urging residents in landslide-prone areas to move to safer shelters.
 - The Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), are running efforts to relocate people from risk-prone areas of the camps to prevent further casualties.
 - Fire Service and Civil Defence and the Armed Police Battalion (APBN) led overnight search-and-rescue operations in the affected camps.
- Bandarban District administration is closely monitoring the situation.
- The Bangladesh Anticipatory Action Framework for Landslides has reached its activation threshold, enabling the release of pre-arranged forecast-based financing. Under the framework, approximately USD 1.6 million has been made available to support an estimated 309,873 people across 67 unions in 14 upazilas of Cox's Bazar, Bandarban, Chattogram, Rangamati, and Khagrachari led by WFP, Save the Children Bangladesh, FAO and Caritas Bangladesh, alongside a parallel USD 12.2 million riverine flood framework covering 15 northern and central districts. As part of the anticipatory response, Save the Children Bangladesh is already planning to provide cash assistance to at-risk households in Bandarban and Chattogram.

Photos of BDRCS in Actions –



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