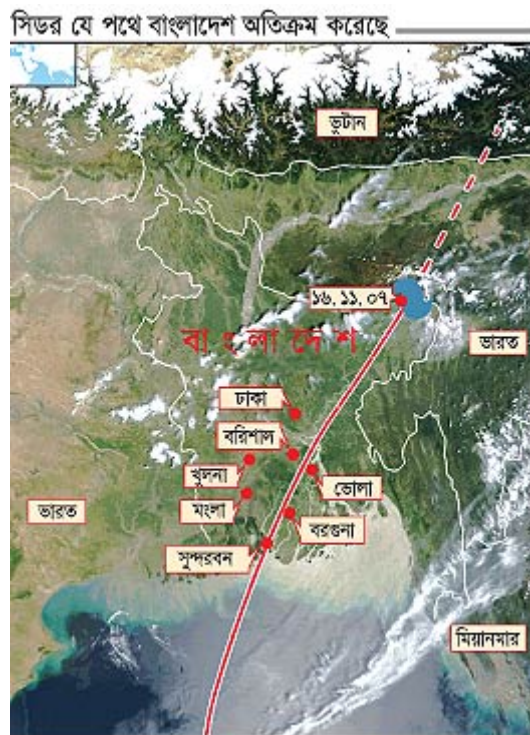


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SUPER CYCLONE 'SIDR' IN BANGLADESH
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Devastating super cyclonic storm SIDR struck the districts of Khulna (Dakop), Bagerhat (Saronkhola, Morrelganj), Satkhira (Shaymnagar), Barguna (Sadar, Pathorghata, Amtali), Patuakhali (Galachipa), Pirojpur (Balashwar) and Barisal (Sadar, Bakherganj, Babuganj, Mehendigani) and in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar coastal belts of Bangladesh on Thursday night (15 November), South-western part of the country. Official death toll has risen to 633 according to the control room, DGHS, but may be higher, unofficial sources said.

Because of fallen trees blocking roads, road disruption and marooned areas, some places could not be reached yet, although efforts are being made to approach these areas.

WHO BAN EHA program has sent two medical teams for situation analysis and immediate needs assessment in Khulna-Bagerhat and Chittagong-Cox's Bazar districts. Today, another two teams will join the UN Country team for visiting Barisal-Barguna-Bagerhat Districts in order undertake rapid needs and damage assessment of impacts of the cyclone.



Field findings of Chittagong & Cox's Bazar district

- No casualties (deaths & injured) reported, except 1 in Cox's Bazar;
- No destructive events except for damage to some semi solid and thatched houses;
- Control room of CS office working round the clock;
- 259 medical teams activated in the field;
- Adequate buffer stock (IV Saline, ORS and other necessary drugs);
- Weather quite normal now.

Reported casualty figures of in other coastal districts

District	Deaths	Injured
Khulna	11	55
Bagerhat	136	66
Satkhira	6	3
Barishal	65	2
Barguna	168	0
Patuakhali	197	7
Bhola	26	05
Gopalganj	21	13
Laksmipur	1	3
Cox's Bazar	1	7
Munshigonj	1	3
Grand total	633	164

Source: Control room, DGHS

- All the above coastal districts faced moderate damage to houses, livestock, trees, crops and road communication.
- WHO is maintaining close contact with the EPR team of DGHS as well as the UN country team.
- A total of 4 UNCT (Joint UN Agencies in Bangladesh) needs assessment teams are moving to the 4 mostly affected districts of Barisal, Borguna, Potuakhali and Pirojpur to perform field investigation of the casualties and damages, and 6 investigators from WHO has joined them in the field trip.
- More information on the situation will be provided as soon as new reports are available.

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