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In Brief

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The Situation

A bad north westerly hit at least 5 villages: Gazirvita, Boalmara, Sominapara (Gazirvita Union), Kalinikanda (Haluaghat Union) in northern Bangladesh yesterday 14 April at 6.30 pm. According to initial information 45 people are dead, more than 600 people are injured and 600 houses completely destroyed. Newspaper reports that more villages may also be affected by this disaster. Local people are taking part in the rescue operation together with local authorities. Many injured people have been admitted into Haluaghat and Mymensingh Medical Colleges.



Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Local Red Cross is conducting a survey at first light this morning. IFRC delegation and BDRCS relief department left Dhaka this morning to a rapid needs assessment. On the basis of assessment report, distribution of buffer stocks and family kits is anticipated. BDRCS/Federation can manage situation locally at this stage. Further update will be issued on 17 April.

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