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In Brief

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The Situation

A devastating two minute long tornado lashed over six villages of Bagerhat District in southern part of Bangladesh (350 km south of Dhaka) on 4 March at 21:45 local time (15:45 GMT). According to the local media, the tornado destroyed approximately 500 houses, uprooted hundreds of trees and crops were destroyed. More than 500 families were affected, 4 people have been killed and more than 50 people were injured, 17 of them seriously. The injured people are currently under treatment in the local health clinics and hospital. The total number of people being treated in hospital is unknown at this stage.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and the Federation Delegation are closely monitoring the situation and the developments. A two-member joint BDRCS/Federation assessment team left Dhaka this morning to conduct a rapid needs assessment of the affected area. Further information will be provided upon return of the assessment team.