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## BANGLADESH: FIRE

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### In Brief

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Two devastating fires broke out in the Bangladesh capital, Dhaka, on 12 and 16 October 2006. While 60 people were injured and 485 families were badly affected in the first fire, 4 persons were injured and 140 families were badly affected in the second fire. The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) and the Federation have been assessing the situation and are distributing essential relief material to the affected families.

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### The Situation

A devastating fire broke out in the densely populated Lalbagh area of the Bangladesh capital, Dhaka, on 12 October 2006. The fire department estimates that the blaze, which started from a rubber factory, swept through more than five hundred thatched dwellings in the area. No deaths were reported but around 60 people suffered injuries. The houses of 485 families have been destroyed. While about 123 families are taking shelter at different places, the rest are staying with relatives, friends and neighbours.

The government has distributed clothing for men and women to 150 families and has been providing food to the affected people.

Another large fire occurred in the Kamrangir Char area of Dhaka on 16 October. A joint assessment team from the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) and the Federation was deployed on 18 October to assess the situation. According to the assessment report, 140 families have been badly affected and have lost their houses and all their belongings. Four people, mainly daily wage labourers, have been severely injured.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The BDRCS/Federation joint assessment teams visited the affected areas in Lalbagh and Kamrangir Char on 13 and 18 October. Based on the recommendations of the teams, the BDRCS distributed relief materials to 485 families (that have completely lost their belongings) in Lalbagh area and 140 families will be assisted shortly in Kamrangir Char.

**Table: Distribution of relief material in the affected areas**

Name of the affected area	Number of families affected and targeted	Package of relief material
Lalbagh	485	1 blanket and 1 family kit per family
Kamrangir Char	140	

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- *Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.*
- *Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.*
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