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# Observance of the National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD)

The National Disaster Preparedness Day 2015 observed across the country on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 with the aim to raise awareness among people about disaster preparedness. This year the theme of the day was "Let us know science based information and bring down losses of disaster (বিজ্ঞান ভিত্তিক তথ্য জানি, দুর্ঘটনার ক্ষতি কমিয়ে আনি)". The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) in collaboration with Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP II) and other development partners have taken various programmes and events including publishing newspaper supplement, TV talk shows, seminars, rally, poster and festoon installation among others in celebration of the day.

Honourable President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the eve of the day. In the message, President Abdul Hamid expressed his belief that all ministries, departments, public and private organizations and civil society related to disaster management will remain active in building disaster resilient society through implementing disaster risk reduction and preparation and emergency response programmes

under the theme of the day. He termed the day's theme as time befitting one and said the programmes taken marking the day will help increase awareness about man-made and natural disasters among the people. "I believe the disaster casualties and damages can be kept to a tolerable level if all countrymen are aware and prepared to face calamities," the President said.

In a separate message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recalled that Father of the Nation Bangabandhu had installed earthen forts as "Mujib Kella" in coastlines, which are still now being used as cyclone shelters. She said her government is always ready to incorporate disaster risk reduction issues in all development programmes to build a safe and disaster resilience nation. Referring to the Disaster Management Policy-2011, Disaster Management Act-2012 and National Disaster Management Plan 2010-15, the Prime Minister along side by the government, all including non- governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society should come forward to build an effective disaster management infrastructure to reduce the post-disaster losses.

## Brief of the NDPD 2015

Since 1997, every year in March, Bangladesh Government observes the National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD) across the country.

Bangladesh has often been called as one of the most disaster prone countries in the world. After the deadly cyclone of 1991 Bangladesh government recognised that it was crucial to promote disaster preparedness and management across the country. As a result Bangladesh has been observing National Disaster Preparedness Day in every year.

The theme for this year's event is " Let us know science based information and bring down losses of disaster ". The aim of the observance is to make the people aware and motivate them to manage disaster successfully.

The Government of Bangladesh along with development partners, civil society

organizations and non-government organization are working together to reduce communities exposure to disaster risks.

To read more about the role of science and technology in managing disaster risk please see the piece written by the National Project Director for the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme published in the Daily Star: <http://www.thedailystar.net/op-ed/managing-disasters-scientifically-74645>

For more information about the experience of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, please see an opinion piece written by UNDP's Assistant Country Director for the Climate Change, Environment and Disaster Cluster, Mr Khurshid Alam, published in the Dhaka Tribune:

<http://www.dhakatribune.com/op-ed/2015/mar/31/building-resilient-bangladesh-reflections>

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Welcome address by Mr. Mohammad Abdul Wazed, Director General, Department of Disaster Management

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Key Note Speech by Mohammad Abdul Qayyum, National Project Director, CDMP II and Additional Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR)

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Speech by Brigadier General Ali Ahmed Khan, Director General, Fire Service and Civil Defence

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Address by the Special Guest Mr. Dharendra Nath Shambhu MP and Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee for Disaster Management and Relief

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Address by the Chief Guest Mr. Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Bir Bikram, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief

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“We aim to reduce the loss and damages of disasters to a manageable and acceptable level with the supported of science, innovation and technology. This will help retaining our development gains and build a resilient nation” – said Honorable Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Mr. Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Bir Bikram, MP

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Address by the Chair Mr. Shah Kamal, Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief

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Audiences at the main event.

# EXHIBITION [NDPD 2015]

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Honorable Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Mr. Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Bir Bikram, inaugurating the exhibition stalls

# MoDMR Stall [NDPD 2015]

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# TV Talk Show [NDPD 2015]

Broadcasted by: RTV

Date: 5.00 pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2015



From right - Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member, General Economic Division, Planning Commission; Mr. Shah Kamal, Secretary, MoDMR; Mohammad Abdul Qayyum, NPD, CDMP II; Mommad Abdul Wazed, DG, DDM

# Publications Unveiling [NDPD 2015]

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015

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Unveiling of several publications and Training Handbook on Disaster Management.

# NDPD Observance at the Local Level

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015



RANGPUR: The district administration brought out a huge colourful rally in observance of the National Disaster Preparedness Day - 2015 in the city on Tuesday  
— Photo: BSS

RANGPUR, March 31, 2015 - In observance of the NDPD 2015 the district administration organized colorful rally and seminar. Speakers at the discussion stressed for innovating newer scientific knowledge and information dissemination technologies, early preparedness with efficient emergency response management system in reducing risk of natural disasters.

PANCHAGARH, March 31, 2015 - In observance of the NDPD 2015, colorful rally, drawing competitions, prize distribution and mock demonstration of fire fighting by Fire Service and Civil Defense personnel were organised. Hundreds of people including officials and representatives of different GO-NGO, students, teachers, public representatives, brought out a colorful rally in the streets.



PANCHAGARH: Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Salahuddin addressing post-rally discussion arranged here in observance of the National Disaster Preparedness Day- 2015 on Tuesday as the chief guest  
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