

# Paragraph on Natural Calamities in Bangladesh

Bangladesh is a poor country. Yet, it is an irony of fate that she has fallen victim to natural calamities like floods, cyclones, and tornadoes. For instance, a cyclone hit the coastal areas of Bangladesh in April 1991 and affected about one million people in sixteen districts. It is estimated that nearly 1,40,000 people lost their lives while about 1,38,849 people were injured. The sufferings of the survivors knew no bounds. They suffered because of a lack of food, pure drinking water, and medicines. Calamities like the cyclone of 1991 occur frequently. For example, the floods of 1988 caused untold miseries. Then the cyclone called Sidr in November 2007 was devastating. Bangladesh is located in the active earthquake zone and is troubled by mild earthquakes. Some scientists predict that there is every possibility of a major earthquake. Besides, she is plagued by soil erosion which has made thousands of people homeless. It is impossible to prevent natural calamities but it is possible to reduce losses by raising public awareness and by taking necessary precautionary measures.

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## Natural Disasters Or, Natural Calamities in Bangladesh

**Question:** Write a paragraph about Natural Calamities in Bangladesh by answering the questions below.

Why is Bangladesh called a land of natural calamities?

What is the most common natural calamity here?

When does it occur?

What is the impact?

How do the people suffer?

**Answer:** Bangladesh is called a land of natural calamities because almost every year Bangladesh is affected by some kind of natural calamity. The common natural calamities in Bangladesh are floods, tidal upsurges, storms, hurricanes, and droughts. But the most common calamity is the flood. Usually, floods occur during the monsoon, Bangladesh is a low-lying country. Excessive rainfall during the monsoon is one of the main causes of floods. In the southern part of the country, flood is often caused by the tidal bore. The impact of floods in Bangladesh is very severe. The low-lying houses made up of mud are washed away making their dwellers shelterless. As the fields go under water the standing crops in the field get damaged. Many pets and cattle are washed away. Sometimes flood water rushes to human habitation so rapidly that many fail to take shelter on high land and meet the tragic end of their lives. Sometimes aftermath of a flood becomes more dangerous than the flood time itself. The price of daily necessities goes very high. Flood is often followed by months of severe famine. The flood-affected area becomes unhealthy and various kinds of diseases like cholera, diarrhea, malaria, etc break out like an epidemic. Thus floods cause untold suffering to the people of Bangladesh.