

Dear Members of Bangladesh Community in Australia,

Amid scorching heat and gusty wind on Saturday, areas in Adelong, Yarrangibility, Batlaw (West of Canberra), Bundanoon, Exeter, Mittagong and Bawral (towards Sydney) and areas near Bateman's Bay, Eden, Bega and further South and areas near Snowy Mountains are now battling with ghastly fire. While fire in eastern Victoria has subsided, fires in North-eastern Victoria threaten to merge with NSW fires along Kosciuszko National Park. A latest map of fire and road conditions is attached.

Although no fire is currently burning in the capital territory, due to ongoing fires to the east, west and south of the ACT, Canberra is in thick smoke, leading to deeply hazy sky and poor air quality (an index of 2,847 whereas a reading of 200 considered hazardous). If forecast rains occur on Sunday and Monday in Victoria and NSW, fire situation may improve.

A medical advice on bushfire health hazards, prevention and actions from the Federation of Bangladesh Medical Societies of Australia (FBMSA) is enclosed.

Bangladesh Australia Association, Canberra (BAAC) has initiated donation collection to be given to Australian Red Cross. Details are attached.

Bangladesh High Commission is in contact with members of the Bangladesh diaspora across Australia to know about their well-being through personal as well as association contacts. It is learnt that so far members of Bangladesh community are found safe. The officials of Bangladesh High Commission are available for any emergency contact at 0416285069,0410616803,0476025032 and bushfireemergencybdhc@gmail.com.

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