

Thousands of people live in abandoned building in City

After a massive earthquake in Nepal on April 25, 2015 several buildings have reportedly been tilted in different areas of the country. A building in Old Dhaka's Bangshal area has tilted to one side due to earthquake. Besides, a multi-storey building of an industrial group has been tilted in Sreepur of Gazipur due to the strong earthquake that jolted the country. On 01 May, 2015 a building also tilted at Jatrabari, Dhaka. Fire service declared the building abandoned.

Two building at AGB Colony, Dhaka already declared desert ten years ago, besides this around one thousand people are living in 88 flats on those building. A warning notification has been given by government but people still live by overlook this.

An estimated 78,000 structures out of three hundreds twenty six thousands were likely to collapse in the event of such a jolt with the epicenter in Madupur. But the country lacks a central command and control system for a coordinated rescue operation in the event of a major earthquake disaster, according to high officials and experts.



Prime minister already urged the country's engineers to make sure that quake-resistant infrastructures and buildings are built in the country following the building code.

Disaster Management and Relief ministry already suggested that special colored sign board will be hanged on the risky buildings across the capital. The decision was taken in a meeting of Earthquake Preparedness and Awareness Committee (EPAC) at conference room of Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief on Thursday (30 April, 2015). EPAC also requested Ministry of Housing and Public Works to submit a complete report over eight buildings leaning incident in Dhaka city. The meeting also takes decision on building code, which will be finalized in September 2015.



Although people still residing in the declared 'abandoned building' as they have nowhere to go. Construction of houses still on by cutting the hills and natural elevation in Chittagong which will intimate more landslides.

The Daily Star organised a discussion on preparedness for earthquake disaster management. Experts are suggested following recommendations: (Published on May 3, 2015)

Short term	Medium-Term	Long-Term
a) Increase Public awareness b) Install auto shutdown devices in gas and electric supply lines c) Ensure central command and control d) Assess vulnerability of government buildings e) Ensure building occupancy certificate	a) Enforce national building code b) Prepare ward-level database c) Procure required rescue equipment d) Ensure at least 20 feet wide road e) Place electric cables underground f) Ensure water sources for firefighting	a) Retrofit/rebuild key government establishments b) Build sea ports and installed airports for foreign aid c) Stop unscientific filling of marshy land.