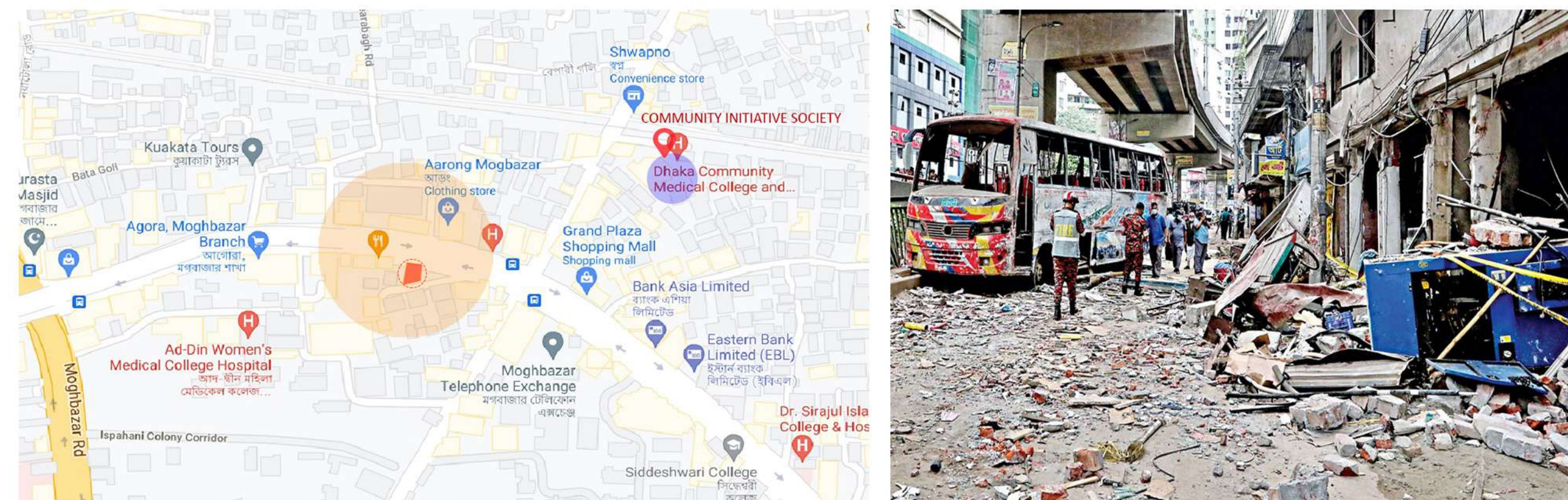


MOGHBAZAR EXPLOSION- AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY A-PAD BANGLADESH, DCH TRUST AND PARTNERS

Situation Report # **21**
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HIGHLIGHTS:

- A massive Explosion took place in Moghbazar area in Dhaka around 7.00 pm on 27th June 2021.
- Sounds and explosion waves caused by the explosion damaged 14 nearby multi-stored buildings.
- Multiple vehicles were damaged one bus driver killed.
- The Death Toll climbs to 12 so far.
- Around 60 people are in critical condition.
- 300 people injured in this incident are admitted in different Hospitals.
- CIS, A-PAD Bangladesh, DCH Trust and DHEM Foundation worked together in this situation.



Explosion Building Affected Area Support Centre

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The massive explosion took place in the capital's Moghbazar on Sunday-27th June 2021 Killing 12 person including one children and Hundreds were injured in this Explosion. The explosion have occurred in Shawarma House food shop on the ground floor of the three-storied building on the Outer Circular Road near Moghbazar Wireless Gate. The ground floor of the building was reduced to a mound of rubble, with pieces of broken machinery strewn everywhere as the walls and pillars collapsed. Because of the building collapsed while glasses of three buses on the nearby road and the window panes of adjacent Aarong building, Bishal Center and some other buildings got smashed following the huge blast. The force of the explosion also shot some rubble into the busy road in front of the building, hitting people and passing vehicles and causing injury to many.

The exact cause of the explosion is still unknown. Investigation is still ongoing. Officials of Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence (BFSCD) and Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) in their primary assessment found that gas had accumulated in the room and was ignited by a spark, causing the explosion. There are presence of gases including hydrogen sulfide, phosgene and methane. The presence of methane gas to be around nine percent which can be a reason for explosion.

Death	Injured	Critical Condition	Infrastructures Damage	Vehicles
12	300	60	14	3 Buses

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

A-PAD Bangladesh and its networking partners Dhaka Community Hospital Trust and DHEM Foundation came forward to response in the emergency situation to evacuate the affected people who were collapsed in the buildings and established emergency medical team to provide medical support to the injured people.

- A-PAD Bangladesh and DHEM Foundation formed an emergency team for the evacuation process.
- This emergency team made a rapid move for evacuation of damaged area and brought the injured people in Dhaka Community Hospital Trust.
- A-PAD Bangladesh and DCH Trust support the injured with all kind of possible medical services and medicine.
- DCH Trust and A-PAD Bangladesh used their vehicles-ambulances to carry the critical patients to Dhaka community Medical College and Hospital and the burnt patients were shifted to Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit- Dhaka medical college Hospital rapidly.
- After providing emergency basic medical support to the injured people in DCH Trust, the serious injured patients were referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for emergency specialized support. A-PAD Bangladesh and DHEM Foundation helped the referred patients with vehicle support and volunteer team.
- A-PAD Bangladesh and its networking partner's response to the injured providing mental health to the victims.



This explosion gave a massive shock to the people in this pandemic situation. Though it was tough to maintain the safety measures, hygiene and social distancing but all the members of DCHT, A-PAD Bangladesh and DHEM Foundation tried to maintain all the precaution. A-PAD Bangladesh and its networking members are always prepare for responding any kind of natural, manmade disaster and any kind of hazards.

