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Subject: **Severe Heatwave Conditions Predicted During Next Week**

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), has issued a press release informing that high pressure wave is likely to grip the upper atmosphere, resultantly the daytime temperatures are likely to increase gradually in most parts of the country from 8 May 2022 (Sunday); details enclosed at **Annex-A**. All PDMA, GBDMA, SDMA and ICT Administration is requested to ensure following precautionary measures to avoid any loss of life, damages to crops, animals and infrastructure. PDMA/ DDMA to:-

- a. Alert health/ medical services, paramedics and rescue departments and instruct them to maintain requisite facilities such as heatstroke centres.
 - b. Ensure that general public are aware of the situation and avoid direct exposure to sunlight.
 - c. Ensure that general public is made aware to make judicious use of water for drinking and cooling-off.
 - d. Coordinate with concerned departments (NHA and FWO) for issuing necessary alerts to travellers, especially over long distance to take precautionary measures to avoid over pressure in tyres and over-heating of vehicles.
 - e. Ensure that agriculture farmers are informed of greater requirement of water for standing crops.
 - f. Ensure that dairy farmers/ cattle breeders are informed of the situation and arrangement for water under the prevalent circumstances is in place.
 - g. In case of any eventuality, routine updates will be shared with NDMA.
2. **Press Information Department Only**. With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
 3. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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SEVERE HEATWAVE CONIDITIONS PREDICTED DURING THE NEXT WEEK

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has informed that high pressure is likely to grip the upper atmosphere from Sunday, 7 May 2022. Due to this high-pressure daytime temperatures are likely to increase gradually in most parts of the country. Under the effects of this system the following is forecasted: -

- Daytime temperatures are likely to remain **7-9°C Above Normal** in Upper Punjab, Islamabad Capital Territory, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir.
- Daytime temperatures are likely to remain **6-8°C Above Normal** in Upper & Central Sindh, South Punjab and parts of Balochistan.

Possible Impacts:

- Very hot and dry weather may cause water stress on water reservoirs, crops, vegetables and orchards.
- Farmers are advised to manage crop water accordingly.
- High temperatures may cause increased energy demands.
- High temperatures may increase the base flow in rivers during the next week.
- General public is advised to avoid unnecessary exposure to direct sunlight.

Note: Judicious use of water is suggested in all aspects of life.