MOST IMMEDIATE/ BY FAX

F.2 (E)/2023-NDMA (MW/Weather Advisory-XIII) **Government of Pakistan**

Government of Pakistan Prime Minister's Office National Disaster Management Authority ISLAMABAD



Dated: 17 July 2023

Time: 1500 hours

Subject: MORE MONSOON RAINS PREDICTED FROM 18-23 JULY 2023

A weather system carrying monsoon currents from the Arabian Sea are likely to penetrate upper and central parts of Pakistan from 18 to 23 July 2023. This system is expected to intensify from 19 July 2023 onwards. Under the influence of this system (Pakistan Meteorological Department Press Release in *Annex A*), following is forecasted: -

- a. <u>18 (night) to 23 July</u>. Rain / wind-thundershowers with heavy falls are expected in the following regions with occasional gaps: -
 - (1) <u>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</u>. Galiyat, Chitral, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, Mansehra, Kohistan, Abbottabad, Haripur, Peshawar, Mardan, Swabi, Nowshera, Kurram, Lakki Marwat, Kohat, DI Khan, Bannu, Karak and Waziristan.
 - (2) <u>Punjab</u>. Murree, Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Mandi Bahauddin, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Kasur, Mianwali, Sargodha, Faisalabad, TT Singh, Jhang, Sahiwal, Bahawalnagar and Okara.
 - (3) <u>Gilgit Baltistan</u>. Diamer, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche and Shigar.
 - (4) <u>State of AJ&K</u>. Neelum, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli Sudhnoti, Kotli, Bhimber and Mirpur.
- b. <u>19 (night) to 21 July</u>. Rain / wind-thundershowers are expected in the following regions with occasional gaps: -
 - (1) <u>Balochistan</u>. Barkhan, Loralai, Kalat, Khuzdar, Zhob, Lasbela, Awaran and Musakhel.
 - (2) <u>Punjab</u>. DG Khan, Rajanpur, Multan, Bhakkar, Layyah, Kot Addu, Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan.
 - (3) **Sindh**. Sukkur, Larkana and Jacobabad.
- c. <u>19 (evening/night) to 23 July</u>. <u>Dust-thunderstorms / rains with isolated heavy</u> falls are expected in the following regions with occasional gaps: -
 - (1) <u>Sindh.</u> Tharparkar, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Sukkur, Larkana, Jacobabad, Dadu, Shaheed Benazirabad, Hyderabad, Sanghar, Badin, Thatta and Karachi.

- 2. In light of the forecasted weather system, following impacts are expected in aforesaid regions of Pakistan: -
 - Heavy rainfall may cause urban flooding in municipal areas, i.e. Islamabad,
 Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Gujranwala, Lahore, Karachi and other urban centres during the forecasted period.
 - b. Heavy rainfall may trigger flash floods and landslides in vulnerable areas of Murree, Galliyat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan and State of AJ&K during the forecasted period.
 - c. Dust storms (areas of interior Sindh Tharparkar, Umerkot, MPK, Sukkur, Larkana, Sanghar, Dadu) / wind-thunderstorms may cause damage to loose structures such as electrical poles, solar panels, hoardings, tall trees and under construction buildings during the forecasted period.
- 3. Apropos, all PDMAs/ GBDMA/ SDMA and ICT Administration, NHA, NH&MP, FWO, Rescue 1122, Line Departments, Ministries and Federal Agencies are required to undertake measures as per respective mandates. However, following is to be ensured by all concerned in addition to measures deemed appropriate as per on ground situation / requirements:
 - a. PMD / FFD / PDMAs / PIDs to monitor water levels in rivers, streams, and urban drainage systems continuously to detect any signs of rising water and initiate early response measures.
 - b. Proactively maintain nullahs/stormwater drains to ensure their proper functioning and prevent blockages that may lead to urban flooding.
 - c. Ensure that drainage systems are clear of debris and obstacles to facilitate the efficient flow of water and minimize risk of urban flooding.
 - d. PDMAs / GBDMA / SDMA to identify areas prone to urban flooding and implement measures such as deploying de-watering pumps to divert/drain excess water.
 - e. Ensure the availability of emergency services personnel and equipment (Rescue 1122 / Fire Brigade / Ambulance / Civil Defence, etc) in areas at high risk of urban flooding, flash flooding and landslides.
 - f. Preplace necessary emergency equipment at vulnerable / strategic locations to expedite response efforts.
 - g. NH&MP and Traffic Police to coordinate with Law Enforcement Agencies to manage and redirect traffic in affected areas to prevent congestion and facilitate emergency response efforts.
 - h. Coordinate with concerned departments (NHA, FWO, and C&W) for the restoration of roads in case of any blockage/obstruction.

Page 3 of 6

- i. Ensure immediate stocking of basic commodities, including paramedics and medicine, especially in regions that are likely to get cut-off during landslides / avalanches / flooding.
- j. NHA / Line Departments to conduct regular inspections of critical infrastructure, such as bridges and roads, to identify and address any vulnerabilities that may lead to structural damage during heavy rainfall.
- k. Coordinate with relevant departments to secure loose structures such as electrical poles, solar panels, hoardings, and under-construction buildings to mitigate potential damages from dust-wind/thunderstorms.
- I. Advise general public to seek shelter in safe areas such as sturdy buildings or underground structures during dust-wind/hail-thunderstorms and avoid objects that pose a risk of falling / being struck by lightning.
- m. Conduct mass public awareness campaigns to educate residents in vulnerable areas about the risks of urban flooding / landslides and precautionary measures to take.
- n. Forewarn travellers / visitors about risks posed from flooding / landslides in vulnerable locations and provide guidance and assistance in case of emergencies through local administration, police and rescue services.
- o. Advise farmers to take necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to safeguard their crops, such as timely harvesting, safe storage, or any other precautions from adverse effects of dust-wind-thunderstorms/hailstorms.
- p. Advise cattle/sheep herders to undertake necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to protect their livestock, such as safe sheltering or any other precautions from adverse effects of dust-wind-thunderstorms.
- q. Strengthen coordination among all relevant departments and agencies to facilitate the timely sharing of information and resources during emergency situations.
- r. Establish reliable communication channels with local communities to provide timely updates, instructions, and emergency contact information during monsoon season.
- s. Ensure widespread circulation of alerts and advisories, especially in local languages, to raise awareness and sensitize travellers / tourists and local communities in at-risk/vulnerable areas.
- t. Ensure round-the-clock monitoring of the situation through EOCs with regular feedback to PEOCs and NEOC.
- u. Share daily / routine updates with NDMA in case of any eventuality.

Page 4 of 6

- 4. **Press Information Department Only**. With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
- 5. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

(Muhammad Ali Khan) Director (Response)

Tel No: 051-9030924 Fax No: 051-9030729

(Distribution List Attached)

Page 5 of 6

DISTRIBUTION LIST

To: Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad

Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services & Regulation, Islamabad

Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Islamabad

Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad

Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Islamabad

Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad

Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad

Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Islamabad

Secretary, Aviation Division, Islamabad

Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Quetta

Chief Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar

Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Lahore

Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh, Karachi

Chief Secretary, Government of Gilgit Baltistan, Gilgit

Chief Secretary, State of AJ&K, Muzaffarabad

Director General, Pakistan Meteorological Department, Islamabad

Director General, Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority, Karachi

Chairman, Federal Flood Commission (FFC), Islamabad

Chairman, National Highways Authority (NHA), Islamabad

Chairman, WAPDA, Lahore

Director General, PDMA Balochistan, Quetta

Director General, PDMA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar

Director General, PDMA Punjab, Lahore

Director General, PDMA Sindh, Karachi

Director General, GBDMA, Gilgit

Director General, SDMA, Muzaffarabad

Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory

Deputy Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory

Principal Information Officer, Press Information Department, Islamabad

Headquarters, Frontier Works Organization (FWO), Rawalpindi

Headquarters, National Highways & Motorway Police, Islamabad

Headquarters, National Transmission & Despatch Company (NTDC), Islamabad

Divisional Superintendent Pakistan Railways, Lahore

Cc: Secretary to Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad

Secretary, Cabinet Division, Islamabad

Joint Crises Management Cell, Joint Staff Headquarters, Chaklala Cantt

Military Operations Directorate (MO-4), General Headquarters, Rawalpindi Cantt

ACNS (Operations), Naval Headquarters, Islamabad

ACAS (Operations), Air Headquarters, Islamabad

Director General, Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA), Karachi

Director General, Pakistan Coast Guards (PCG), Karachi

ID: PRO, NDMA

Deputy Director ICT, NDMA

Date: July 17, 2023 Time: 13:30 PST

PMD PRESS RELEASE



Government of Pakistan Ministry of Aviation (Aviation Division) Pakistan Meteorological Department Sector: H-8/2, Islamabad.

NWFC-5(10A)/2017/47

Press Release:

More Monsoon Rains Predicted During the Week

Met Office informed that monsoon currents from Arabian sea are likely to penetrate in upper and central parts of the country from 18th July (night) which are likely to intensify on 19th July. Under the influence of these weather systems:

- Rain/wind-thundershower (with heavy falls) is expected in Kashmir, (Neelum valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur), Gilgit Baltistan (Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche, Shigar), Murree, Galliyat, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Mandi Bahauddin, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Kasur, Mianwali, Sargodha, Faisalabad, Toba Tek Singh, Jhang, Sahiwal, Bahawalnagar, Okara, Chitral, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, Mansehra, Kohistan, Abbottabad, Haripur, Peshawar, Mardan, Swabi, Nowshera, Kurram, Lakki Marwat, Kohat, D.I Khan, Bannu, Karak and Waziristan from 18th (night) to 23th July
- Rain/wind-thundershower is also expected in Barkhan, Loralai, Kalat, Khuzdar, Zhob, Lasbella, Awaran, Musakhel, D.G khan, Rajanpur, Multan, Bhakkar, Layyah, Kot Addu, Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Sukkur, Larkana and Jacobabad from 19th (night) to 21th July with occasional gaps.
- Dust-thunderstorm/rain (with isolated heavy falls) likely in Tharparkar, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Sukkur, Larkana, Jacobabad, Dadu districts from 19th (evening/night) to 23th July. Dust-thunderstorm/rain (with isolated heavy falls) likely in Shaheed Benazirabad, Hyderabad, Sanghar, Badin, Thatta and Karachi districts from 20th to 22th July with occasional gaps.

Impacts and Advises:

- Heavy rain may cause urban flooding in low lying areas of Islamabad/Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Gujranwala, Lahore from 18th (night) to 22nd July
 and may trigger landslides in the vulnerable areas of Murree, Galliyat, Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan and hilly areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during
 the period.
- Farmers are advised to manage their activities keeping in view the weather forecast.
- Tourists and travelers are advised to remain extra cautious to avoid any untoward situation during the wet spell.
- Dust storm/wind-thunderstorm may damage loose structures like electric poles, solar panels.
- General public is advised to stay at safe places during wind-storm/heavy rains.

NOTE:

All concerned authorities are advised to remain ALERT and to take necessary precautionary measure during the forecast period. For latest updates, kindly visit: https://www.pmd.gov.pk/en/

روال بخت کے دوران مزید مون سون بار شول کی بایگلوئی

- 18 علائى (دائى كەرەرىك كەرەرىك ئىلىم، مقفر آباد، بو تىچە، مىلىن، باش، جو يلى، سەھنىق، كو تلى، بىمىر، بىر بورى، كلك باشتان (ديابىر، استور، غذر، اسكر دو، بهنرو، كلت، كان بى بىلى، مىلىن، ئىلىن، باش، جو يلى، سەھنىق، كو تلى، بىمىر، بىر بورى، كلك، بىلىن، بالانكى، بىلىن، ئىلى، ئى
- 19 ملائ (ملت ك 21 ملائي كورمان بار كمان، اورالا في، قلات، خضداد، ووب، لمبيله، آواران، موى خل، وي قان، راجن پور، مثان، بحكر اليه، كوشاده، بهاوليور، دهم بارخان، تحر، الاركان الارجيب آبادش جيز بواؤل الكرشي الارتاجة على المركزية ك ساته وقت قرة قرة مقد ما يارش كا مكان،
- 19 مال (شام الماعة) مدوران حريد را كرا عركوت ميريور خاص، تحر والاكان، جيب آباد، واو ديس تيز يوالال الآه مي اور كرن چك ك ساتحد بارش جيد تيز اموساد حاربدش كا محى امكان جيد 100 مالكون على المكان على المكان على المكان الآه مي او كرن چك ك ساتحد وقف عن احتراب عبد تيز اموساد حاربدش كا مجى المكان -

الدائات.

- 18 دارات العام 12 من المولية في بيثان والولية في بيثان والولية والوال الوراد الورث موسلاحات بارث كي ماحث ليجيا عالى قريراً كالمتي تعلي ها في المتي الموليد والموليد والموليد
 - كسان معرات موسمياتي والله كوفيا كور تطرر كلتي وسلامية معاملات ترتيب الله
 - اليانون كوبار شون كدودان كى محرة وشكرار صور تمل ين يجارك ليد فالمدين كابدايت
 - آند می اجھز اگری جگساور شدید بدشوں کے باصف کو در اخواستر کھر (کالے کے محمید ، مواد دیش) کو لقصان کا سکتا ہے۔
 - قد می اشدید باد شول که دوران عمام کو محفوظ مقامات ریخ کی بدایت .

المعانية تمام حلة الدون كوالي دوران "المريد" ريخ كي بدايت كي ما ألب -

https://www.pmd.gov.pk/en/: 41 & Laller of 700

Distributions:

- 1. MS to PM, Islamabad
- 2. PS to Minister for Aviation Division
- 3. Secretary Aviation Division
- 4. Chief Sec Punjab, KP, GB, Kashmir, Balochistan & Sindh
- 5. Secretary Irrigation Punjab
- Chairman NDMA
- Chairman NHA
- 8. DG's PDMA & SDMA
- Secretary MOCC & Water Resources.
- 10. Secretary National Food Security and Research
- 11. Chairman FFC & IRSA
- 12. Director to Minister for MOCC
- Chief Commissioner Islamabad
 Commissioner Rawalpindi
- 15. Directors RMC's & Electronic and Print Media