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Dated: 21 February 2022

Subject:

Rain-wind/ Thunderstorms in Upper and Central Parts from Tuesday to Thursday (22 – 24 February 2022)

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has issued a press release informing that a westerly wave is likely to enter Western Parts of the Country on Monday, 21 February 2022 (night) and is likely to persist in Upper Parts of the Country until Thursday, 24 February 2022 (Details enclosed at **Annex A**). Concerned PDMAs are requested to promptly ensure following precautionary measures to avoid any loss of life or property: -

- a. To coordinate with relevant District and Municipal Administrations and concerned departments (NHA, FWO and C&W) for restoration of roads in case of any blockage / obstruction/ closures.
- b. To coordinate with relevant District and Municipal Administrations to ensure that any loose billboards and hoardings are secured from effects of thunderstorm/ wind.
- To ensure preplace necessary inventory and other essentials at vulnerable locations.
- d. To ensure that Tourists / Visitors in at-risk/ affected areas are apprised/ forewarned about weather forecast.
- e. To ensure availability of emergency services personnel.
- f. In case of any eventuality, twice daily / routine updates to be shared with NDMA.
- 2. <u>Press Information Department (PID) Only</u>. With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
- 3. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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## Rain-wind / Thunderstorms in Upper and Central Parts from Tuesday to Thursday (22 – 24 February 2022)

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has informed that, westerly wave is likely to enter Western Parts of the Country on Monday, 21 February 2022 (night) and is likely to persist in Upper Parts of the Country until Thursday, 24 February 2022. Under the influence of this weather system: -

- Rain-wind / thunderstorms with snow over hills is expected in (Balochistan) Districts
   Quetta, Ziarat, Qila Saifullah, Pishin, Zhob & Musa Khel, (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)
   Districts Waziristan Dera Ismail Khan & Bannu, (Punjab) Districts Bhakkar and Layyah on
   Monday, 21 February 2022 (night) and Tuesday, 22 February 2022.
- Rain-wind / thunderstorms with isolated hailstorms expected in (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Districts Chitral, Dir, Swat, Malakand, Kohistan, Shangla, Buner, Mansehra, Abbottabad & Haripur, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir from Monday, 21 February 2022 (night) to Friday, 25 February 2022.
- While, in (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Districts Swabi, Mardan, Nowshera, Charsadda, Peshawar, Bajaur, Kurram, Khyber & Kohat, Islamabad Capital Territory, (Punjab) Districts Rawalpindi, Attock, Jhelum, Chakwal, Mianwali, Bhakkar, Sargodha, Faisalabad, Kasur, Sheikhupura, Jhang, Khushab, Hafizabad, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Sialkot, Narowal and Lahore on Tuesday, 22 February 2022 and Wednesday, 23 February 2022.
- Moderate with isolated heavy snowfall is expected in (Punjab) Murree, (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Galiyat, Nathiagali, Naran, Kaghan, Dir, Swat, Shangla & Buner, (Kashmir) Neelum Valley, Bagh & Haveli, (Gilgit Baltistan) Astore, Skardu and Hunza from Tuesday, 22 February 2022 to Friday, 25 February 2022.

#### Possible Impacts

- Windstorms may cause damages to vulnerable structures and standing crops in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Kashmir and Upper Punjab particularly in Faisalabad, Lahore, Kasur, Sheikhupura, Hafizabad, Gujranwala, Narowal, Sialkot and surroundings on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Windstorms / dust raising winds may cause damage to loose structure and crops in Balochistan, south Punjab and Sindh on Monday (night) and Tuesday.
- Moderate / Heavy snowfall may cause road closures in Murree, Galliyat, Nathiagali, Naran, Kaghan, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, Neelum valley, Bagh, Haveli, Astore, Skardu and Hunza during the spell.