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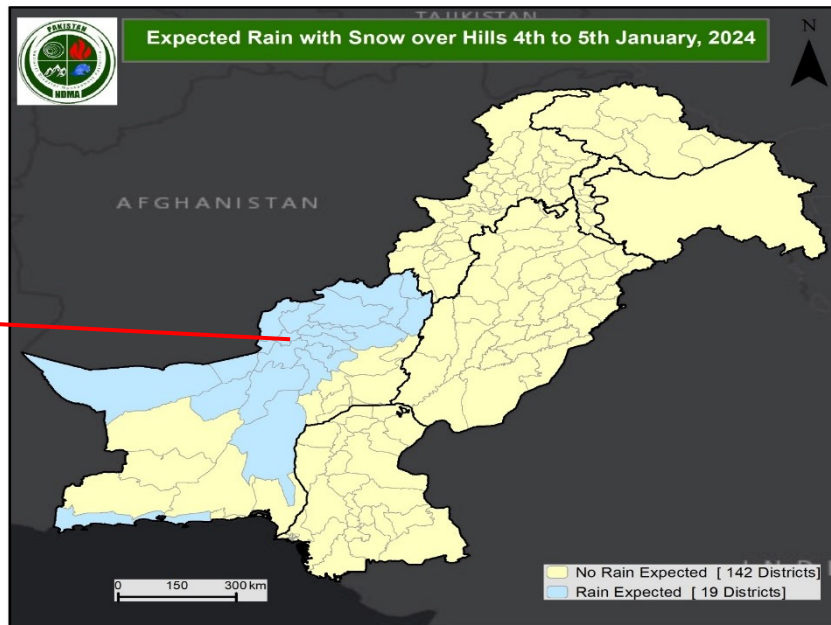


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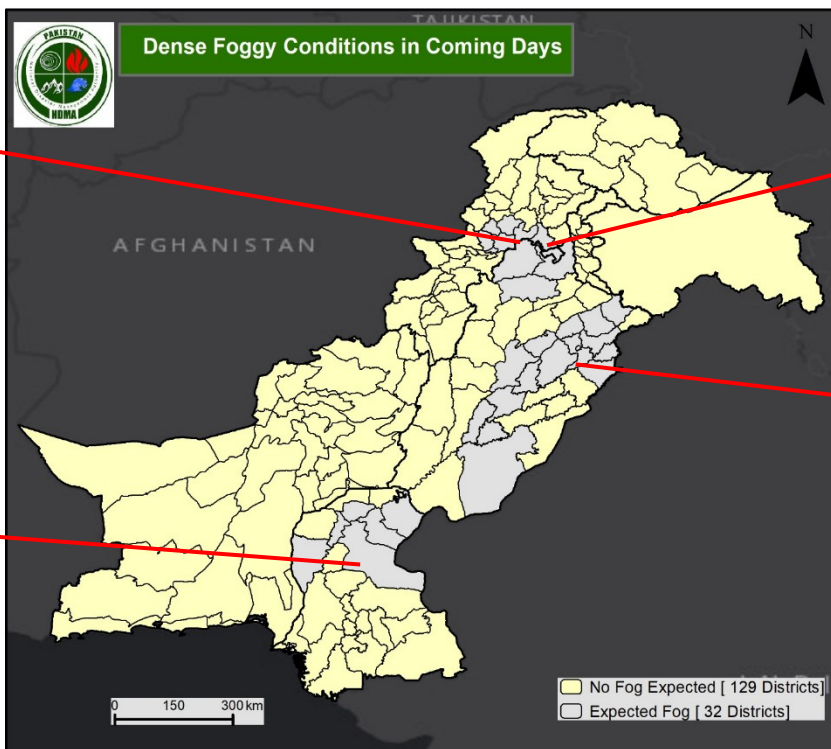
Subject: **Rain (With Snowfall Over Mountains) in Balochistan from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and Foggy Conditions in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Upper Sindh in Coming Days**

NDMA Tech Team and Pakistan Meteorological Department (*PMD Press Release at Annex-A*) have forecasted that **Light to Moderate Rain-wind / Thunderstorms (with snowfall over hills)** is expected in **Balochistan**, whereas **Dense Foggy Conditions** will continue in **Punjab, Islamabad Capital Territory, Plains of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Upper Sindh**.

- Balochistan**
- Quetta
  - Kharan
  - Harnai
  - Chaman
  - Ziarat
  - Killa Abdullah
  - Killa Saifullah
  - Loralai
  - Pishin
  - Zhob
  - Musa Khel
  - Sibbi
  - Mastung
  - Kalat
  - Noshki
  - Chaghi
  - Khuzdar
  - Makran Coast



- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**
- Peshwar
  - Mardan
  - Nowshera
  - Swabi
  - Charsadda
  - Haripur



- Pothohar Region & ICT**

- Sindh**
- Sukkur
  - Ghotki
  - Larkana
  - Naushahro Feroze
  - Shaheed Benazirabad
  - Shikarpur

- Punjab**
- Rawalpindi
  - Khushab
  - Attock
  - Chakwal
  - Jhelum
  - Gujranwala
  - Sialkot
  - Lahore
  - Faisalabad
  - Jhang
  - Sheikhupura
  - Hafizabad
  - Multan
  - Bahawalpur

2. Under the influence of this weather system following are likely impacts: -

a. **Balochistan**

- (1) Isolated events of urban flooding in metropolises.
- (2) Disruption of electricity/ other utility services.
- (3) Landslides / mudslides leading to potential road blockages due to isolated heavy rains.
- (4) Anticipation of heavy moderate snowfall in mountainous regions.
- (5) Temperatures are likely to drop significantly.

b. **KP, Punjab, Sindh & ICT.**

- (1) Due to foggy conditions day temperatures are likely to drop 3-5°C for the next few days.
- (2) Very cold weather conditions are likely to prevail in fog affected areas.
- (3) Exposure to foggy environment may cause health issues.
- (4) Flights, Railways and Highways / Motorways operations may be disrupted.
- (5) Travelers are advised to remain cautious during the foggy days.

3. All PDMAs/ GBDMA/ SDMA and ICT Administration, NHA, NH&MP, FWO, Rescue 1122, Dam Authorities, 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 proactively monitor nullahs/ stormwater drains to ensure their proper functioning and prevent blockages that may lead to flooding.
- b. 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, hill torrents and landslides.
- c. Preplace necessary emergency equipment at vulnerable/ strategic locations to expedite response efforts and complete any stocking/ replenishment of stocks.
- d. 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.
- e. NH&MP and Traffic Police to issue Smog/ Fog advisories and maintain traffic control at Smog/ Fog peak hours.
- f. NHA / Line Departments to conduct regular inspections of critical infrastructure, such as bridges and roads, to identify and address any vulnerability that may lead to structural damage during heavy rainfall.
- g. 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.

- h. 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.
  - i. Conduct mass public awareness campaigns to educate residents in vulnerable areas about the risks of urban flooding / landslides and take precautionary measures.
  - j. Forewarn travelers/ visitors about risks posed from flooding / landslides and likely snowfall over mountains and significant drop in temperatures in vulnerable locations and provide guidance and assistance in case of emergencies through local administration, police and rescue services.
  - k. Advise farmers to take necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to safeguard their crops through timely harvesting, safe storage or any other precaution from adverse effects of dust-wind-thunderstorms/hailstorms and likely significant drop in temperatures.
  - l. Strengthen coordination among all relevant departments and agencies to facilitate the timely sharing of information and resources during emergency situations.
  - m. Establish reliable communication channels with local communities to provide timely updates, instructions, and emergency contact information during monsoon season.
  - n. Ensure widespread circulation of alerts and advisories, especially in local languages, to raise awareness and sensitize travelers / tourists and local communities in at-risk/vulnerable areas.
  - o. Ensure round-the-clock monitoring of the situation through EOCs with regular feedback to PEOCs and NEOC.
  - p. Share daily / routine updates with NDMA in case of any eventuality.
3. **Press Information Department Only.** With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
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**Press Release:**

**Dense foggy conditions will continue in Punjab, plains of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and upper Sindh in coming days**

Met Office informed that due to stable atmosphere, prevailing dense foggy conditions will continue over Punjab including Islamabad, plains of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and upper Sindh. A rain bearing westerly system is likely to enter in Balochistan on 04<sup>th</sup> January and may affect parts of Balochistan till 05<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. Under the influence of this weather system:

- Light to moderate rain-wind/thunderstorm (with snowfall over hills) is expected in Chaghi, Quetta, Chaman, Ziarat, Qilla Abdullah, Qillah Saifullah, Loralai, Pishin, Mastung, Zhob, Kalat, Musa Khel, Kharan, Harnai, Sibbi, Noshki, Khuzdar and Makran coast on **04<sup>th</sup> & 05<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Impacts and Advises:**

- Due to foggy conditions day temperatures are likely to drop 03 to 05 (°C) in coming days.
- Very cold weather conditions are likely to prevail in fog affected areas.
- Exposure to foggy environment may cause health issues.
- Flights, Railways and Highways/Motorways operations may be disrupted.
- Travelers are advised to remain cautious during the foggy days.

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