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Subject: **Weather Outlook for Pakistan – March 2018**

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) weather outlook for the month of March 2018 is enclosed as **Annex A**.

2. In view of above, it is requested that all concerned should take necessary measures to avoid loss of life and damage to property.
3. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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March-2018 Weather Outlook for Pakistan

The North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO), Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and ENSO are likely to be in neutral phase, during March-April 2018 (Spring Season) and its effect on the weather pattern is not pronounced.

Outlook for the month of March, 2018 has been prepared, based upon regional and global weather conditions, incorporating the climate system anomalies. Following are the main features of weather expected in March, 2018

- Upper parts of the country including upper Punjab, FATA, KPK, Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and Kashmir are expected to receive slightly above normal precipitation with snowfall over the hilly areas of KPK, Gilgit Baltistan and Kashmir. Lower half of the country may receive below normal to normal rainfall during the month.
- Three to four spells of short duration are expected over upper parts of the country to produce precipitation along with thunderstorm, gusty winds and high risk of hailstorm.
- The average temperatures over the country are likely to be slightly above normal during the month.
- Moderate drought like conditions over south-west Balochistan may be aggravated to severe and prevailing mild drought conditions over Thar-parker may transform into moderate, due to deficient rainfall.
- March precipitation is not likely to improve the water stocks in major reservoirs considerably and stress conditions may continue.

Note: - The outlook for April will be issued during the first week of next month.

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