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



Dated: 20 January 2017

Subject: **More Rains Predicted during the Coming Week – Heavy Snowfall Expected Over the Hills**

Fresh PMD Weather Advisory dated 20 January 2017 is enclosed at Annex A. All concerned are requested to ensure following precautionary measures:-

- a. NHA and respective District Administrations to ensure strategic placement of heavy machinery for necessary road clearance especially along KKH, S-1, Lowari Top Road (N-45), Islamabad Murree Dual Carriageway (IMDC) and other critical roads of KP, AJ&K & Balochistan.
 - b. PDMAs are requested to coordinate with vulnerable districts for timely preparedness and immediate response, when required. NDMA instructions for Lowari Top issued on 17 January 2017 may please be taken as reference in this regards.
 - c. District Administrations to keep all Emergency Services on Alert for timely response.
 - d. Concerned PDMAs, FWO and NHA are requested to accord priority to evacuate local and tourist populations held up due to any road blockages.
 - e. Food, medicines and POL stocks in Gilgit Baltistan, KP, Balochistan and AJ&K to be ensured.
 - f. Utility Stores Corporation to ensure sufficient stocking at outlets located in far flung areas of GB, KP and AJ&K.
 - g. In case of any eventuality, twice daily updates should be shared with NDMA.
2. Forwarded for preparation / necessary action, please.

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Dated: January 20, 2017
Time: 1200 PST

Weather Advisory

More Rains predicted during the coming week Heavy snowfall expected over the hills

Met Office informed that a strong weather system (westerly wave) is expected to produce more rains / snowfall over the hills in the country during the coming week. The detailed forecast is:-

Balochistan:-

Rains with snowfall over the hills is expected at a number of places from Monday to Wednesday. Heavy snowfall is expected over the hills of Quetta, Zhob and Kalat Divisions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sindh:-

Rains with thunderstorm is expected at scattered places of the Province on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa / FATA:-

Rains with snowfall over the hills is expected at most places from Monday to Thursday. Intermittent heavy snowfall may occur over the hills of FATA, Malakand and Hazara Divisions on Wednesday and Thursday.

Punjab / Islamabad:-

Rains with snowfall over the hills is expected at a number of places from Monday to Thursday. Intermittent heavy snowfall may occur over the hills of Murree and Galliyat from Tuesday to Thursday.

Gilgit-Baltistan / Kashmir:-

Rain with snowfall over the hills is expected at a number of places from Monday to Thursday. Intermittent heavy snowfall may occur over the hills of GB and Kashmir from Tuesday to Thursday.

Note:-

- Intermittent rains **may trigger landslides in the vulnerable areas** of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan and Kashmir. Isolated heavy falls **may generate flash floods** in the local streams of Balochistan.
- Due to expected heavy snowfall in mountain areas, **public is advised to follow NDMA / NHA instructions** on road conditions.
- All concerned authorities are advised to **remain ALERT** during the coming week.