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Subject: **Rains Predicted during Eid Days**

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has informed that Monsoon incursion will continue in upper and some central parts of the Country during the current week, particularly during the Eid holidays.

2. Rain / thunderstorm with isolated heavy falls accompanied by windstorm is expected at scattered places of Punjab, Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), FATA and Kashmir from **Wednesday to Friday. *There is high risk of flash flooding in hilly areas.***

3. The tourist destinations such as Murree, Galliyat, Upper KP (Malakand, Hazara Divisions) GB & Kashmir are expected to receive, at times, **heavy rains** during Eid days that may **trigger landslides in the vulnerable areas**. The tourists are advised to remain abreast with weather updates, NDMA and NHA advisories accordingly.

4. Keeping in view fresh weather alert, all concerned are requested to exercise extreme vigilance as per detailed instruction given in **National Monsoon Contingency Response Directive 2016**. Following additional measures are reiterated:-

- a. **Availability of sufficient response staff / teams** (Including USAR Teams) must be ensured by all relevant stakeholders. Response must not be delayed at any stage owing to Eid holidays.
- b. **Identified vulnerable communities** be sensitized about expected flash floods and landslides.
- c. **Community based indigenous early warning system** must be activated as part of response mechanism in areas vulnerable to flash floods, landslides and GLOF.
- d. Special vigilance must be exercised **during dark hours and periods of intense rains**. Measures may include watchmen, loud speakers / megaphones, whistles, SMS Alerts, telephone calls or any other early warning arrangement suitable to local environment / situation.

- e. Placing of necessary **earth moving machinery** at likely landslide prone areas by NHA and respective C&W Departments.
 - f. Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) is requested to **sensitize tourists** about the impending weather risks. The tourists must be advised not to visit flash flood / landslide prone areas. Night Patrolling must be carried out in remote areas where tourists can be stranded due to flash floods / landslides.
 - g. Civil and Traffic Police in coordination with respective Civil Administration must ensure **smooth traffic arrangements** during Eid holidays especially at tourist resorts like Murree, Galliyat, Upper KP (Malakand, Hazara Divisions) GB & Kashmir.
5. Forwarded for **information, preparation, widespread dissemination and taking requisite precautionary measures** to avoid loss of life and damage to property, please.

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