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**Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Climate Change
National Disaster Management Authority
(Prime Minister's Office)
ISLAMABAD**



Dated: 14 February 2017

Subject: **Rain/Snow Predicted for the Weekend**

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) Press Release dated 14 February 2017 is enclosed as Annex A. All concerned are requested to ensure following precautionary measures:-

a. **Common Actions to All**

- (1) Sensitisation of public through Media as well as District Administration and Local Government Representatives.
- (2) Ensure functioning of Urban Rain Water Disposal, Sanitation Systems along with backup supply and availability of requisite staff.
- (3) People living in kachi abadi must be sensitised to shift to safe locations to avoid any loss of life due to roof / wall collapse, etc.
- (4) All crossing points at seasonal nullahs and hill torrents to be manned by Police to stop crossing of vehicles during flash flood.
- (5) PDMA's are requested to coordinate with vulnerable districts for timely preparedness and immediate response, when required.

b. **Specific to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, AJ&K and Gilgit Baltistan**

- (1) All roads leading to snow bound areas should be covered by Police Check Posts to control flow of traffic and ensure commuters safety.
- (2) Traffic to and from Murree, Galiyat, Naran and Kaghan Valley must be regulated.
- (3) Earth / Snow Clearing Machinery in functional condition must be placed at pre-identified vulnerable locations / points.
- (4) Food, Medicine and POL Stock to be ensured for far flung / snow bound areas.

2. **Ministry of Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage Only.** Requested to ensure airing of advisories and public services messages through electronic media.

3. **Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA) Only.** Requested to ensure that telecommunication services remain intact, especially in snowbound areas.

4. **National Highways Authority (NHA) Only**. Requested to ensure that all major roads remain open for traffic and heavy / snow clearing machinery is suitably placed especially along KKH, S-1, N-45, IMDC and other critical roads of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan.
5. **Utility Stores Corporation (USC) Only**. Requested to ensure sufficient stocking at outlets located in far flung areas of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan.
6. In case of any eventuality, twice daily updates should be shared with NDMA.
7. Forwarded for preparation / necessary action, please.

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Date: February 14, 2017
Time: 1400 PST

Press Release

Rain/snow predicted for the weekends

Met. Office informed that another weather system is likely to approach Pakistan on Friday. Under the influence of this weather system, rain is predicted at different areas of the country during the weekend such as:

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/FATA:

Rain/thunderstorm is expected at a number of places in KP and FATA from Friday evening to Sunday. Isolated heavy rain/snow over the hills is also expected in Malakand and Hazara divisions on Saturday and Sunday.

Gilgit-Baltistan / Kashmir:

Rain/ snowfall with isolated heavy falls is expected at a number of places from Friday to Monday.

Punjab / Islamabad:

Rain/thunderstorm is expected at scattered places of Islamabad, Upper Punjab (Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad, Sargodha divisions) on Saturday and Sunday. Snowfall is also expected over the hills of Murree and Galliyat during the period.

Balochistan:

Rain/thunderstorm with snowfall over the hills is expected at isolated places of Northern Balochistan (Quetta, Kalat and Zhob divisions) on Friday and Saturday.

Note: Due to intermittent rain there is a risk of landslides/avalanches in the vulnerable areas of KP, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir during the period.

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