



F.2 (E)/2023-NDMA (MW/Weather Advisory/01)
Government of Pakistan
Prime Minister's Office
National Disaster Management Authority
ISLAMABAD



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Subject: RAIN-SNOWFALL OVER THE HILLS PREDICTED IN WESTERN & UPPER PARTS OF COUNTRY 6th – 9th JANUARY 2023

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has informed that a westerly wave is likely to enter North Balochistan on 6th January (evening/ night) and is likely to grip upper/ Northern parts of the country from 6th – 9th January 2023. Under the influence of this weather system following forecast is predicted: -

- a. Light to moderate rain (with snowfall over the hills) is expected in Quetta, Zhob, Barkhan, Ziarat, Nokkundi, Dalbandin, Harnai, Qilla Saifullah, Qilla Abdullah, Chaman and Pishin on 7th and 8th January 2023.
 - b. Moderate rain (with snowfall over the hills) is also expected in Murree, Galliyat, Kashmir (Neelum valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mir pur), Gilgit Baltistan (Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche, Shigar), Chitral, Dir, Swat, Malakand, Kohistan, Mansehra and Abbottabad from 7th - 9th January 2023.
 - c. Light rain is also expected in Islamabad, Pothohar region, Charsada, Bajaur, Kurram, Waziristan and Kohat during 7th and 8th January 2023.
2. Apropos, all PDMAs/ GBDMA/ SDMA and ICT Administration, NHA, NH&MP, FWO, Rescue 1122, line departments, Ministries/ Federal agencies are required to undertake measures as per respective mandate. However, following is to be ensured by all concerned in addition to measures deemed appropriate as per on ground situation/ requirements: -
- a. Ensure widespread circulation of advisories/ alerts to raise awareness and sensitize travellers/ tourists.
 - b. Prepare general and area/ region specific awareness campaigns and ensure wide spread propagation of likely threats/ hazards.
 - c. Engage local communities at traditionally dangerous/ hazard prone sites to enable round the clock monitoring and establish feedback mechanism for early warnings and alerts for at-risk population.

- d. PDMA/ DDMA to arrange and preplace necessary inventory and other essentials at strategic locations/ vulnerable/ choke points in coordination with NH&MP/ NHA/ FWO, local C&W, Rescue 1122 and line departments.
 - e. Local administrations to assess and plan deployment of additional resources and exercise control over vehicle movement leading to and in vicinity of vulnerable/ choke points/ tourist spots/ attractions to prevent losses/ damages and save precious lives.
 - f. Medical resources; paramedics, equipment and medicine be deployed as per the vulnerability/ risks identified in different regions to meet respective regional requirements.
 - g. Ensure that Tourists / Visitors / Travelers in at-risk / affected areas to be apprised / forewarned about forecasted weather and road conditions in coordination with NH&MP/ LEAs/ NHA/ FWO.
 - h. Ensure availability of emergency services personnel during the forecasted period.
 - i. Travellers on Provincial & National Highways in at-risk / affected areas be forewarned of adverse conditions and may be detoured to safe waiting areas under guidance of respective PDMA, Local Authorities, National Highway & Motorway Police, LEAs, etc.
 - j. Ensure immediate stocking of basic commodities especially in regions that get cut-off during winters snowfall.
 - k. Ensure round the clock monitoring of situation through EOCs with regular feedback to PEOCs and NEOC.
 - l. Tourists / Visitors / Travelers to check PMD Weather Forecast for information on fog/ snowfall/ rain/ high flows in nullahs/ landslides etc to assess road conditions from control rooms/ helplines/ websites/ social media platforms of NH&MP/ NHA/ FWO/ DDMA/ PDMA before undertaking journey.
 - m. In case of any eventuality, twice daily / routine updates to be shared with NDMA.
3. **Press Information Department Only.** With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
 4. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.


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