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Dated: 16 July 2022

Subject: Depression Over Northeast Arabian Sea – Sindh & Balochistan

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has issued a weather advisory informing that a depression with maximum wind speed of 50-55 km/h has developed over the Northeast Arabian Sea. The system is approximately 400km Southeast of Karachi and 340km from Thatta; details enclosed at *Annex-A*. All concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, PDMA Balochistan, PDMA Sindh, respective District Administrations / DDMAs, Municipal Administrations and City Administration of major metropolis are advised to ensure following: -

- All civic agencies / rescue services (Rescue 1122 / Fire Brigade / Ambulance / Civil Defence) to remain alert and ensure availability of personnel and equipment during the forecasted period, especially in at-risk areas.
- b. Alerting / enforcing restriction of movement in/ near nullahs/ rivers prone to flash floods in coastal areas, besides evacuation of at-risk communities.
- c. All necessary arrangements at water pumping stations and timely pre-placement of de-watering pumps to respond to urban flooding in cities as highlighted in PMD advisory.
- Timely evacuation of at-risk population from low-lying / flood prone areas as per Evacuation Plans and availability of shelter, food and medicines in those shelter camps.
- e. DISCOs and relevant Local Administration / Departments to ensure that necessary arrangements are undertaken to avoid electrocution incidents and timely restoration of power supply.
- f. Mass awareness campaign for general public on urban flooding and associated risks in coastal areas on following aspects: -
 - (1) Avoid unnecessary movement in at-risk areas.
 - (2) Necessary alerts for coast / beaches.
 - (3) Alerting masses living in low-lying areas including community-based alert system.
 - (4) Risk of electrocution during in major metropolises.
 - (5) Evacuation plan of at-risk communities and its timely evacuation.

- g. LEAs along with Traffic police to advise travelers regarding likely situations / dangers at beaches, waterlogged areas and underpasses.
- h. Travelers and Tourists may be diverted to safe lay-by / waiting areas with sufficient supply of water / food and essential medicines in case of adverse / dangerous road conditions along the coastline.
- i. Billboards and hoardings are secured from effects of windstorms/ thundershowers.
- j. Fishermen of Balochistan & Sindh be advised NOT TO VENTURE into open sea from 16-18 July.
- k. In case of any eventuality, twice-daily updates be shared with NDMA.

2. **Press Information Department Only**. With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.

3. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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Annexure 'A'

DEPRESSION OVER NORTHEAST ARABIAN SEA – BALOCHISTAN & SINDH

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has informed that a depression with maximum windspeeds of 50-55 km/h has developed in the Northeast Arabian Sea approx. 400km Southeast from Karachi and 340km from Thatta. The system is likely to move in Northwest direction **during next 36-48 hours** and then move towards Oman Coast. Under the influence of this system, following is expected: -

<u>Sindh</u>

 Widespread wind-thunderstorms / rain-showers with scattered heavy to very heavy falls and extremely heavy falls at times in Karachi, Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar, Umerkot, Sanghar, Shaheed Benazirabad, Naushero Feroze, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allayar, Dadu, Jamshoro, Sukkur, Larkana, Jacobabad, Shikarpur and Ghotki from 16-18 July (Saturday-Monday).

<u>Balochistan</u>

 Widespread wind-thunderstorms / rain-showers with scattered heavy to very heavy falls and extremely heavy falls at times in Lasbela, Uthal, Ormara, Pasni, Gwadar, Jiwani, Turbat, Awaran and Kech from 17-18 July (Sunday-Monday).

Possible Impacts

- Sea conditions will remain very rough during next 3-days.
- Fishermen of Sindh & Balochistan are advised not to venture out in open sea from 16-18 July (Saturday-Monday).
- Very heavy / extremely heavy rains may generate urban floods in Karachi, Badin, Thatta, Hyderabad, Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Shaheed Benazirabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allayar, Lasbela, Sonmiani, Ormara, Pasni, Gwadar, Turbat and Jiwani.
- Windstorms may cause damage to loose and vulnerable structures.

PMD Tropical Cyclone Warning Centre (Karachi) is closely monitoring the system and regular updates will be issued accordingly.

<u>NOTE:</u> All concerned authorities are advised to remain ALERT & Take Precautionary Measures during the forecasted period.