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Subject: Monsoon Rains Likely to Continue & Weaken in Sindh from 28 July

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has issued weather advisory informing that Monsoon currents are continuously penetrating the Country and likely to shift and intensify in Upper & Central Parts of the Country from 27 July (Wednesday); details enclosed at *Annex-A*. All concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments and their line departments including PIDs / PDMAs / GBDMA / SDMA, District Administrations / DDMAs, Municipal / City Administrations are advised to ensure following: -

- a. Identification of vulnerable / choke points / at-risk communities based on recent patterns of rainfall and devise mitigation measures.
- b. Maintain enhanced alert level / monitoring of developing situation to reduce reaction / response times.
- c. 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 urban areas.
- d. Restrict vehicle movement in areas / nullahs prone to flash floods, low lying areas and close to water channels.
- e. Provision of POL for back-up generators at water pumping stations and timely pre-placement of de-watering equipment to respond to urban flooding.
- f. People living along the banks of Rivers Jhelum, Chenab and Ravi to be sensitized about expected increase of water flows.
- g. 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.
- h. DISCOs and relevant Local Administration / Departments to ensure that necessary arrangements are undertaken to avoid electrocution incidents and timely restoration of power supply.
- i. Mass awareness campaign for general public on urban / flash / riverine flooding and associated risks in vulnerable areas on following aspects: -
 - (1) Avoid unnecessary movement in such areas.

- (2) Evacuation plan of at-risk communities and its timely evacuation.
- (3) Risk and consequent danger of submerging of vehicles in such inundated low-lying areas.
- (4) Alerting masses living in low-lying areas to exercise extra caution including community-based alert system.
- (5) Risk of electrocution during heavy rain fall / urban flooding in major metropolises.
- j. Provision of relief / medical supplies to affectees in timely manner.
- k. LEAs along with Traffic police to advise travelers regarding likely situations / dangers of waterlogged areas and underpasses.
- Coordinate with concerned departments for clearance of roads in case of any landslides / blockage / obstruction, waterlogging and pre-placing of necessary emergency equipment at vulnerable / appropriate locations.
- m. Travelers and Tourists are forewarned about risks posed at landslide / flash flood vulnerable locations and 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 by Police, NH&MP and Local Administrations.
- n. In case of any eventuality, special SITREP / update be shared immediately with NDMA.
- 2. <u>Press Information Department Only</u>. With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.
- 3. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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MONSOON RAINS LIKELY TO CONTINUE DURING THE WEEK & WEAKEN IN SINDH (27 – 31 JULY)

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has informed that strong monsoon currents are continuously penetrating the Country and likely to shift and intensify in Upper & Central Parts of the Country from 27 July (Wednesday), under the influence of this system, following is expected: -

Islamabad Capital Territory

 More rain-wind / thundershowers with scattered heavy falls expected in Islamabad with occasional gaps from 27-31 July (Wednesday-Sunday).

Balochistan

 More rain-wind / thundershowers with few heavy falls expected in Barkhan, Bolan, Chaman, Harnai, Jaffarabad, Kalat, Khuzdar, Kohlu, Lasbela, Loralai, Naseerabad, Quetta, Sibbi, Zhob and Ziarat with occasional gaps from 27-31 July (Wednesday-Sunday).

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

 More rain-wind / thundershowers with scattered heavy falls expected in Abbottabad, Bannu, DI Khan, Haripur, Kohat, Kohistan, Kurram, Lakki Marwat, Mansehra, Mardan, Nowshera, Peshawar, Swabi and Swat with occasional gaps from 27-31 July (Wednesday-Sunday).

Punjab

 More rain-wind / thundershowers with scattered heavy falls expected in Attock, Bahawalnagar, Bahawalpur, Bhakkar, Chakwal, DG Khan, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Hafizabad, Jhang, Jhelum, Khanpur, Khushab, Lahore, Layyah, Mandi Bahauddin, Mianwali, Multan, Murree, Narowal, Okara, Rahim Yar Khan, Rajanpur, Rawalpindi, Sahiwal, Sargodha, Sheikhupura and Sialkot with occasional gaps from 27-31 July (Wednesday-Sunday).

Sindh

More rain-wind / thundershowers with few heavy falls expected in Dadu,
 Jacobabad, Larkana and Sukkur from 27-31 July (Wednesday-Sunday).

Gilgit Baltistan

 More rain-wind / thundershowers with scattered heavy falls expected in Gilgit Baltistan with occasional gaps from 27-31 July (Wednesday-Sunday).

Azad Jammu & Kashmir

More rain-wind / thundershowers with scattered heavy falls expected in AJ&K with occasional gaps from 27-31 July (Wednesday-Sunday).

Possible Impacts

- Heavy rains may generate urban flooding in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Nowshera, Mardan, Faisalabad, Lahore and Gujranwala from 27-31 July (Wednesday-Sunday).
- Flash flooding is expected in Local Nullahs of Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Shakargarh, Sialkot, Narowal, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Dir, Karak, Lakki Marwat, Bannu, Loralai, Barkhan, Kohlu, Musakhel, Sherani, Sibbi, Bolan and AJ&K as well as the Hill Torrents of DG Khan from 27-31 July (Wednesday-Sunday).
- Catchment Areas of Rivers Jhelum, Chenab and Ravi may receive heavy downpour causing water levels to significantly rise during the forecasted period.
- Rainfall may trigger landslides in AJ&K, Galiyat, Murree, Chilas, Diamer, Gilgit, Hunza,
 Astore, Ghizer and Skardu during the forecasted period.
- Travelers and tourists are **advised to remain more cautious** during the forecasted period.

NOTE: All concerned authorities are advised to remain ALERT & Take

Precautionary Measures during the forecasted period.