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## No. F.2 (E)/2023-NDMA (TC Alert-VI) Government of Pakistan Prime Minister's Office National Disaster Management Authority Islamabad



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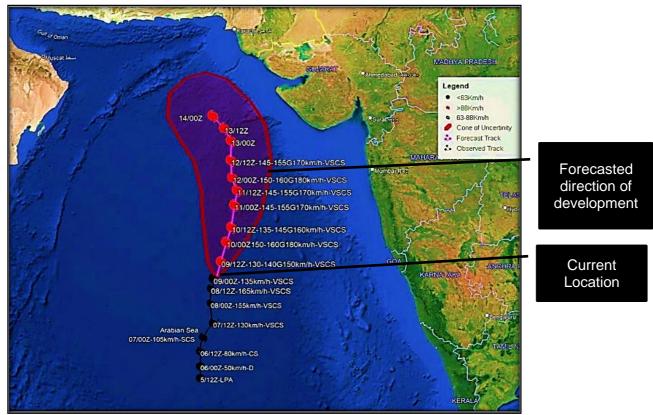
Subject: Tropical Cyclone "BIPARJOY" Formed Over Southeast Arabian Sea

Reference: NDMA's TC Advisory No. F.2 (E)/2023-NDMA (TC Alert I-V) dated 6 - 8 June 2023.

Further to NDMA's above referred TC Advisories, PMD has released following updates

of Cyclonic Storm "BIPARJOY" (press release is attached as Annex A): -

- a. Location 14.8°N & Longitude 66.5°E.
  - Distance from Karachi 1120km south of Karachi.
- c. Wind Speed 130-150 Km/hour gusts 160 Km/hour.
- d. Forecasted direction
- North-northeast.



2. Likely development path based on international weather models/ applications are enclosed (**As Annex-B**) for proactive preparations against likely impacts. It must be highlighted that this is an evolving situation and the impact will only be certain with further development of the system.

- 3. Possible impacts under current forecast are as under:
  - a. Arabian Sea conditions may get very rough/high accompanied with high tides along coast on 12/ 13 June 2023.
  - Heavy rain, thunderstorm and gusty winds are expected in coastal areas on 13/14 June 2023.

- c. Sea conditions expected to be very high with maximum wave height 25-28 feet around the system center.
- d. Strong winds can damage loose structures, under construction buildings, trees and hoardings/ billboards.
- 4. The guidelines are reiterated once again as under:
  - a. Ensure close monitoring of system development and proactive coordination through respective emergency operation centres.
  - b. Ensure that **early warning systems** are in place and functioning effectively to disseminate **timely and accurate information for at-risk communities**.
  - c. Conduct awareness campaigns for masses on the cyclone's potential impacts, evacuation procedures, and safety measures.
  - d. Utilize various communication channels such as television, radio, social media, and SMS alerts to reach the coastal communities.
  - e. Respective PDMA's/ DDMA's, **Rescue agencies** (1122, fire department and paramedics) and concerned departments may **identify high-risk areas prone to storm surges, flooding, and landslides, and develop evacuation plans accordingly**.
  - f. Collaborate with relevant authorities, including law enforcement agencies and transportation departments, to facilitate the safe evacuation of people from vulnerable coastal areas/ low lying areas.
  - g. Conduct mock exercises for at-risk communities to rehearse evacuation drills and for DM responders to practice timely and coordinated response to any developing situation.
  - h. Respective PDMA's/ DDMA's shall develop contingency plans for identification of safe locations and adequate equipment with essential supplies, including food, water, medical aid, and sanitation facilities.
  - i. **Continuously update fishermen** about the **weather conditions** and advise them **not to venture into the open sea until the situation improves**.
  - j. Establish a system for regular communication with fishing communities, providing them with real-time weather updates and guidance.
  - k. Coordinate with relevant departments, such as the National Highway Authority (NHA), Frontier Works Organization (FWO), Communication and Works (C&W), and line departments to assess and prepare for any potential damage to roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure.
  - Ensure that necessary equipment and resources are readily available for rapid response and recovery operations, including road clearance and restoration of utility services.

m. Share **regular updates** on the cyclone's progress, potential impacts, and response measures with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and other stakeholders.

5. Three hourly updates on developing weather system will be uploaded on NDMA website and social media handles for reference of all stakeholders. All concerned are requested to ensure continuous monitoring and proactive preparations against likely impacts.

6. Forwarded for your further necessary action, please.

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Annex-A



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> Date: 9 June 2023 Time: 10300 PST

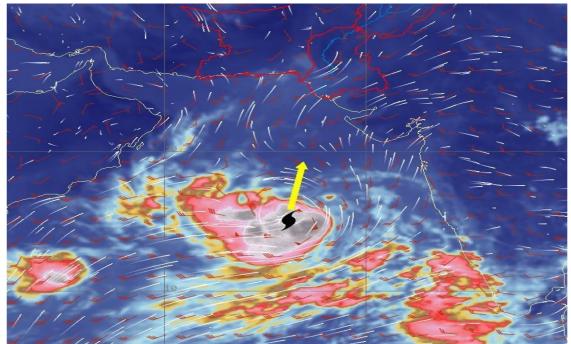
## Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (BIPARJOY) over Southeast Arabian Sea

The Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) " BIPARJOY" persisting with its intensity slightly changed its course , slowly tracked in north-northeast direction during past 12 hours and now lies near Latitude 14.8°N & Longitude 66.5°E at a distance of about 1120km south of Karachi. Maximum sustained surface winds are 130-150 Km/hour gusts 160 Km/hour around the system center. The favorable environmental conditions (sea surface temperature of 30-32°C, low vertical wind shear & upper-level divergence) still supporting the system to intensify further.

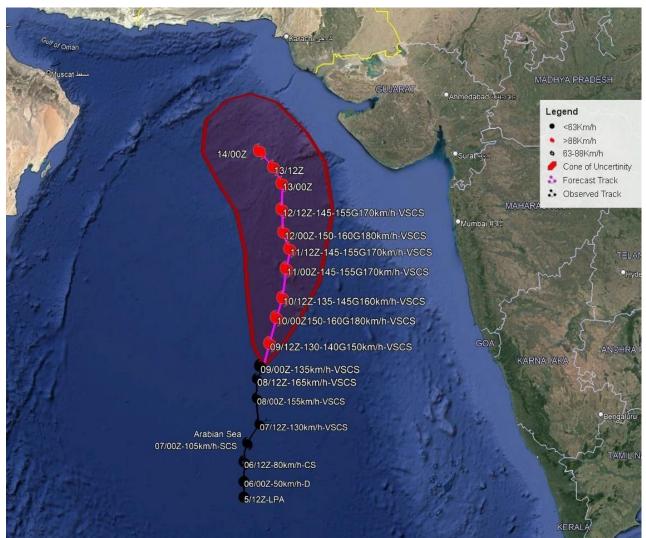
Owing to shift in upper-level steering winds, there is an uncertainty in global models opinion regarding the track forecast of VSCS "*BIPARJOY*" with some taking it to Oman-Pakistan western coast and others indicating towards Indian Gujarat-Pakistan Sindh coast. Considering this uncertainty, the system is likely to keep tracking further north/northeastward during next 2 days. PMD's cyclone warning center, Karachi is monitoring the system and willissue update accordingly.

## **Possible Impacts:**

- Fishermen are advised not to venture in open sea from Monday, 12 June 2023 onwards till the system isover as the Arabian Sea conditions may get very rough/high accompanied with high tides along coast.
- With its probable northeast track, the rain-thunderstorm with some heavy falls & squally winds are expected in Sindh-Makran coast from 13 June night/14 June morning.
- Sea conditions are very high/phenomenal around the system center with maximum wave height 25-28 feet.



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Observed and Forecast Track of Cyclone

Kind Attn:

- Ministry of Aviation Chairman NDMA Governor, Sindh .

- Chief Secretary Sindh Chief Secretary Balochistan DG, PDMA Sindh
- Commissioner Karachi
- Pakistan Navy
- DG, PDMA, Balochistan .
- Coastal Development Authority, Balochistan Port Authorities, Karachi and Gwadar .
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- NIO (National Institute of Oceanography).

## FORECASTED PATH OF TC BIPORJOY - INTERNATIONAL WEATHER MODELS

