



F.2 (E)/2023-NDMA (MW/Eid-Advisory)
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National Disaster Management Authority
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Subject: **Proactive Preparedness and Vigilance During Eid-ul-Azha Holidays**

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Pre-Monsoon spell has commenced with isolated heavy rainfalls in different parts of the country. In light of forecasted persistence of weather system during Eid holidays, there is a need to ensure proactive preparedness through enhanced vigilance and mass awareness. In this regard, all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PDMA's / GBDMA / SDMA/ ICT Administration, DDMA's/ local administrations, municipal authorities of major metropolises are advised to ensure following: -

a. **Aspects for Mass Awareness/ Enforcement**

- (1) During thunderstorms avoid/ do not do following: -
 - (a) Do not stand close to telephone or electric pylons.
 - (b) Do not use landline telephones and any metal/ wiring that is grounded.
 - (c) Do not take cover under trees.
 - (d) Move away from drainage canals and pondages.
 - (e) Move indoors or seek shelter in a dry place.
- (2) Travellers / tourists are advised to: -
 - (a) Plan travels to picnic and tourist spots considering weather and traffic conditions.
 - (b) Properly dispose of garbage at designated areas to prevent clogging of drainage systems.
 - (c) Avoid overcrowding picnic and tourist spots and ensure personal safety.
 - (d) Keep children away from nullahs / potholes / drainage lines to avoid accidents.
- (3) Stay away from seasonal nullahs, nullah banks, bridges/ culverts and drainage canals.
- (4) Do not cross seasonal nullahs during rain as sudden surge can be experienced at any instant.
- (5) Do not risk crossing any drain or road overtopping water flow. Wait for flows to normalise and prioritise/ ensure safety.
- (6) Do not risk entering a ponded under-construction road.

- (7) Do not take/ allow children close to ponds/ stagnant water, water drainage lines or any place where potholes are present.
- (8) Sensitize all concerned on risks posed by venturing into water channels and crossing nullahs during flash floods.
- (9) Do not handle/ repair any electrical equipment, especially with exposed lines to preclude risk of electrocution during rainfall/ thunderstorms and water pondage.

b. **DDMAs/ Local Administrations / DM Responders**

- (1) Activation and deputation of duty staff for round-the-clock monitoring through Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs).
- (2) Collect and share the latest information with line departments, provincial, and national authorities.
- (3) Disseminate advisories, alerts, and guidelines to all concerned.
- (4) Generate Situation Reports (SITREPS) to cover any major incidents/developments.
- (5) Civic agencies and rescue services (1122 / Fire Brigade / Ambulance / Civil Defence) to remain alert and have sufficient emergency response personnel and equipment during the forecasted holiday period.
- (6) Alert masses living in low-lying areas to exercise extra caution and activate community-based alert systems.
- (7) Limit the number of tourists allowed entry to picnic and tourist spots to avoid overcrowding.
- (8) Regulate traffic at picnic and tourist spots to ensure a smooth flow and prevent congestion.
- (9) Ensure proper disposal of sacrificial animal remains at spots designated by local administrations to prevent choking of storm water drainage systems and consequential urban flooding.
- (10) Provision of POL for backup generators at water pumping stations and timely pre-placement of dewatering pumps to respond to urban flooding in cities.
- (11) Secure loose structures including billboards / hoardings / solar panels from effects of windstorms / thundershowers.
- (12) Under advice of local administration and LEAs, restrict seasonal nullah crossings.
- (13) Devise and update evacuation plans for vulnerable communities and initiate timely evacuations.

c. **PDMAs / SDMA / GBDMA / ICT Administration**

- (1) Coordinate with respective PDMAs to align local efforts with provincial strategies and guidelines.
- (2) Activate / ensure staffing of HR in EOCs for effective coordination and response.
- (3) Establish a streamlined and efficient communication channel to ensure timely dissemination of weather forecasts, advisories, and alerts to local administrations and the public.
- (4) Ensure flow of information among all stakeholders is accurate, timely, and effectively coordinated.
- (5) Ensure enforcement / dissemination of mitigative / preparedness / response guidelines to all concerned.
- (6) Ensure pre-placement of heavy earth moving machinery at chokepoints / at-risk regions for managing landslides and restoration of roads.
- (7) Coordinate with Local Administrations / Line Departments to proactively provide necessary resources / HR and support during emergency situations.
- (8) Ensure adequate stocking of resources / machinery / relief within provincial and district capacities. Additionally, ensure availability of resources specific to ongoing seasonal hazards.
- (9) Conduct detailed risk / impact / vulnerability assessments at UC to District level and tailor disaster response mechanisms accordingly.
- (10) Maintain a comprehensive database of vulnerable populations and critical infrastructure within the jurisdiction.
- (11) Ensure rapid damage and needs assessments follow major incidents.

d. **Federal Ministries / Departments**

- (1) Ensuring interagency coordination and information sharing for monitoring and handling emergencies.
- (2) Raise mass awareness through respective platforms relevant stakeholders about seasonal hazards.
- (3) Direct LEAs, NH&MP and line departments to regulate traffic flow, advise travellers / tourists regarding likely situations / dangers and safety measures.
- (4) Issue necessary instructions to departments, such as NHA, FWO and C&W for immediate restoration of roads in case of any blockage / obstruction / closures and preplacing of necessary emergency equipment at vulnerable / strategic locations.

- (5) Ensure strict and proactive monitoring of the movement around/ in close vicinity of nullahs and water channels to avert possibilities of drowning.
- e. In case of any eventuality, twice-daily updates be shared with NDMA.
2. **Press Information Department (PID) Only.** With the request to wider circulation and public awareness.
3. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.



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