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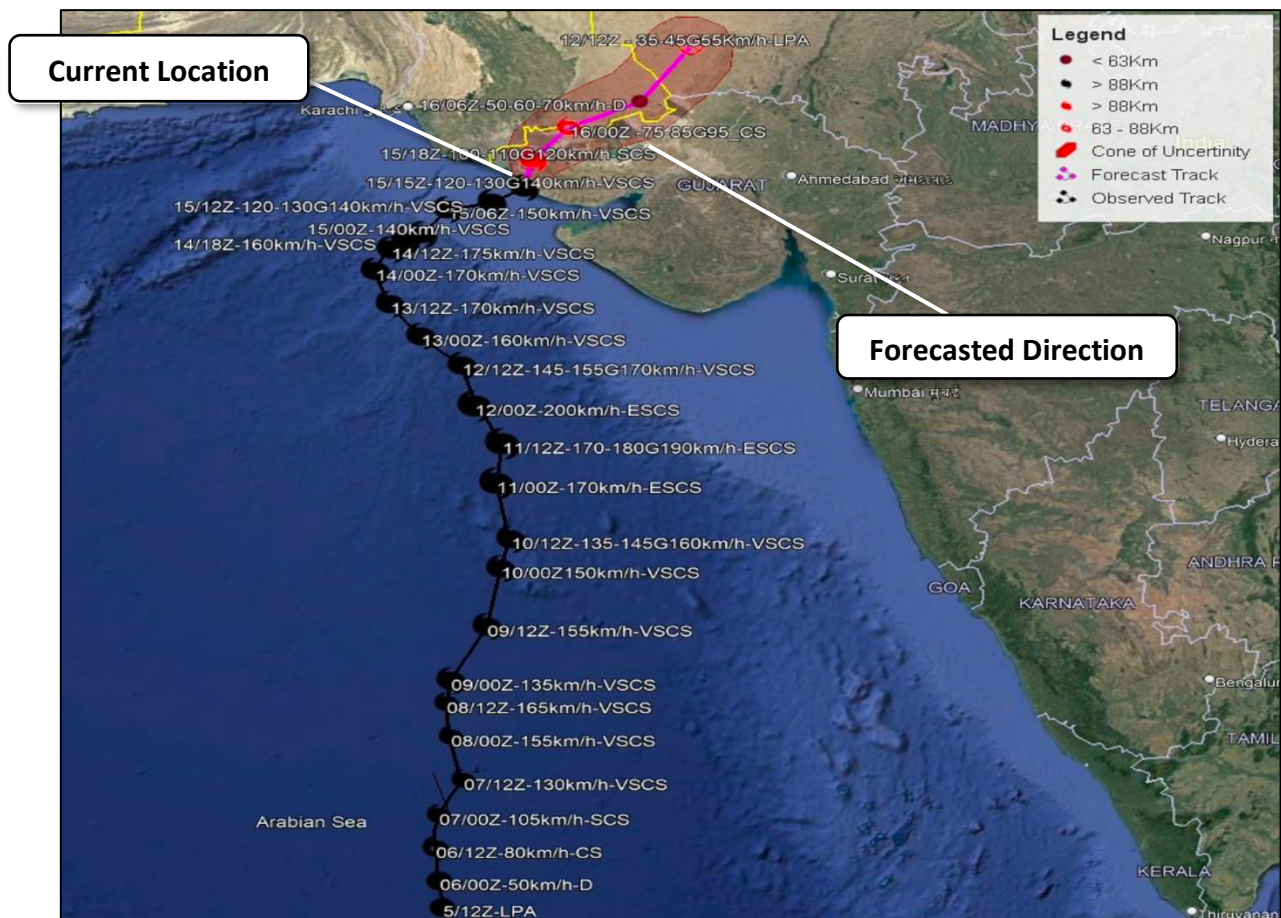


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Subject: **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm "BIPARJOY" Over Northeast Arabian Sea Has Commenced Landfall Along Indian Gujrat Coast**

Reference: NDMA TC-Advisory No.F.2(E)/2023-NDMA(TC-Alert-XXII) dated 15 Jun 2023

In continuation of above referred TC Advisory, PMD has issued a Press Release (**Annex A**) containing latest updates regarding the **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) "BIPARJOY"**.



2. VCSC **BIPARJOY** has **commenced landfall process along the Indian Gujrat coast and Pakistan-India border** with sustained surface winds of **100-120 km/h** and **140 km/h** gusts around the system center. The predicted development path based on international weather forecasting models used by PMD is enclosed as **Annex B**.

3. **It must be highlighted that the VSCS has NOT YET REACHED Keti Bandar and its impacts in Pakistan will only be certain with its further development.** However, major impact of landfall on the Indian side is expected. Nevertheless, **requisite measures must be undertaken by all concerned** to ensure preparedness and effective response.

4. Possible impacts under the current forecasted system for **15 – 17 June** are as under: -
- Widespread wind-dust / thunderstorm / rain** with **very to extremely heavy falls & squally winds** (100-120 km/h) with **gusts** (140 km/h) expected in Districts **Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparkar, Mirpurkhas & Umerkot.**
 - Dust / thunderstorm / rain**, with few **heavy falls & gusty winds** (40-60 km/h) likely in Districts **Karachi, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allayar, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar.**
 - Dust / thunderstorm / rain**, with **isolated heavy falls** are likely in Districts **Hub, Lasbella, and Khuzdar.**
 - Squally / **highspeed-intensity winds** may **damage loose structures, kacha houses**, under construction buildings, **solar panels, trees and billboards** along coastal areas and surroundings.
 - Sea conditions** along **Sindh coast** may get **very rough / high** (2 - 2.5 metres) and **rough / very rough** (2 metres) along **Balochistan coast** in **Sonmiani, Hub, Kund Malir, Ormara** and surrounding regions.
 - High risk of coastal flooding** in Districts **Badin and Thatta** as cyclone progresses / reaches coastline.
 - Given anticipated sea conditions, **fishermen in Sindh and Balochistan will not be able venture** into open sea **until 17 June 2023.**
 - High risk of storm surge of 3-4 metres** (10-13 feet) along coastline from Karachi to Indian Gujrat, **especially at landfall point in Keti Bandar & surrounding areas**, which may be **exasperated twice daily by occurrence of high tide.** Details of high tide times as **provided by National Institute of Oceanography (NIO)** are below: -

Day	Keti Bandar		Sir Creek		Karachi		Gharo	
	1st High Tide	2nd High Tide	1st High Tide	2nd High Tide	1st High Tide	2nd High Tide	1st High Tide	2nd High Tide
Tue 13	7:31am	6:42pm	8:26am	7:37pm	7:31am	6:42pm	7:31am	6:42pm
	▲ 2.5 m	▲ 2.9 m	▲ 2.3 m	▲ 2.7 m	▲ 2.2 m	▲ 2.6 m	▲ 2.2 m	▲ 2.6 m
Wed 14	8:39am	7:30pm	9:34am	8:25pm	8:39am	7:30pm	8:39am	7:30pm
	▲ 2.7 m	▲ 2.9 m	▲ 2.5 m	▲ 2.7 m	▲ 2.4 m	▲ 2.6 m	▲ 2.4 m	▲ 2.6 m
Thu 15	9:32am	8:15pm	10:27am	9:10pm	9:32am	8:15pm	9:32am	8:15pm
	▲ 2.9 m	▲ 2.9 m	▲ 2.7 m	▲ 2.7 m	▲ 2.6 m	▲ 2.6 m	▲ 2.6 m	▲ 2.6 m
Fri 16	10:17am	8:56pm	11:12am	9:51pm	10:17am	8:56pm	10:17am	8:56pm
	▲ 3 m	▲ 2.8 m	▲ 2.8 m	▲ 2.6 m	▲ 2.7 m	▲ 2.5 m	▲ 2.7 m	▲ 2.5 m
Sat 17	10:56am	9:36pm	11:51am	10:31pm	10:56am	9:36pm	10:56am	9:36pm
	▲ 3.1 m	▲ 2.8 m	▲ 2.9 m	▲ 2.6 m	▲ 2.8 m	▲ 2.5 m	▲ 2.8 m	▲ 2.5 m

5. The guidelines, in addition to any measures already undertaken by stakeholders, are outlined as under: -

a. **PDMA / DDMAs**

- (1) Continuously **monitor development of the cyclone** and maintain **necessary coordination** through respective **emergency operation centers** with all stakeholders.
- (2) Ensure all **emergency operation centers have backup power** / generators and uninterrupted communication systems for continuous coordination.
- (3) Utilize **multiple communication channels** for persistent awareness campaigns, including **television, radio, social media** and **SMS alerts**, to inform coastal and adjoining communities about **emergency evacuation procedures, relief camp locations** and important **safety measures**.
- (4) Ensure interdepartmental coordination with Rescue Agencies, Armed Forces and concerned departments to **ensure the safety of people and structures** in **high-risk and low-lying areas** vulnerable to **storm surges, coastal flooding, urban flooding and gusty winds**.
- (5) Carry out reconnaissance under requisite safety measures to assess the evacuation process completed so far and **ensure complete evacuation from high-risk areas**.
- (6) Coordinate with district and municipal administrations to implement **protective measures for thunderstorms, flash flooding, high-speed winds, storm surge**, and the **removal of billboards/hoardings**.
- (7) Stock **essential relief items**, including food, paramedics, and medicine, in regions likely to be cut-off during severe weather.
- (8) Ensure **individuals in unsecured mud ("kacha") houses** and low-lying areas have **evacuated and sought shelter**. The **evacuation sites** selected must be **assessed for structural strength**.
- (9) Coordinate with relevant departments, including NHA, FWO, C&W, and line departments, to **assess and prepare for damage to roads, bridges, and critical infrastructure**.
- (10) Ensure **stocking and functionality of necessary equipment and resources** for rapid response and recovery operations, including **road clearance** and **restoration of utility services**.
- (11) Coordinate with electric companies, such as K-Electric and departments falling under Power Division, and enact **safety measures to prevent electrical hazards** during the cyclone and **restore services** in case of disruptions.

- (12) Ensure **hospitals are fully staffed and on alert status**, with alternate energy sources such as generators, to provide **uninterrupted medical services** during power outages.
- (13) Advise relevant district administrations to take **protective measures in low-lying areas against storm surge activity**.
- (14) Take necessary measures to address **inundation issues** caused by heavy rainfall, coastal floods, and storm surges in Karachi and surrounding regions.
- (15) Proactively **implement dewatering plans for underpasses** in Karachi to prevent urban flooding.
- (16) Ensure the availability of dewatering pumps at vulnerable points.
- (17) Ensure the **functionality and emergency maintenance** of nullahs/sewerage systems to **prevent waterlogging and drainage issues**.
- (18) **NEOC at NDMA is operational round the clock for TC BIPARJOY timely monitoring and coordination**. All concerned to timely / repeatedly / proactively update NDMA and other stakeholders on the cyclone's progress, potential impacts, and response measures.

b. **Rescue Services (1122 / Civil Defence / Fire / Ambulance)**

- (1) Continuously **assess and reinforce emergency personnel** staffing.
- (2) **Activate emergency teams** at critical and vulnerable locations for immediate response readiness.
- (3) **Monitor and maintain rescue vehicles and equipment** to address cyclone-related issues.
- (4) Prioritize **safe and efficient completion** of ongoing emergency evacuation efforts as directed by PDMA, DDMA, and District Administrations.
- (5) Establish effective communication / coordination for **deploying additional HR support** from Rescue 1122 Punjab.
- (6) Maintain **situational awareness through regular updates** from meteorological agencies for adaptive response strategies.
- (7) **Reinforce communication channels for critical updates** and instructions to deployed personnel and affected population.
- (8) Implement **measures to safeguard deployed personnel's well-being**, including rest rotations, essential supplies, and support systems.

c. **Law Enforcement Agencies**

- (1) **Maintain optimal staffing levels** to effectively respond to the emergency situation.

- (2) **Provide support** to expedite / ensure the **successful completion of emergency evacuation efforts** in accordance with directives from PDMA, DDMA, and District Administrations.
- (3) Establish and enforce measures to **enhance security of evacuation zones**, ensuring the safety of **evacuated individuals** and **their belongings**.
- (4) Take necessary actions to **maintain law and order in disaster-affected areas**.
- (5) **Implement travel restrictions** to prevent individuals from entering vulnerable areas at-risk of adverse weather conditions, safeguarding their safety and reducing potential rescue operations.

d. **Fisheries Department**

- (1) **Enforce strict prohibition on fishermen venturing into the open sea** during the cyclone's landfall today to ensure their safety.
- (2) Collaborate with port authorities to **identify secure harbors and provide clear instructions** for securing boats and equipment to prevent damage and hazards in the strong winds.

e. **Port Authorities**

- (1) Implement stringent measures to **secure vessels at berths in the harbor**, ensuring all lines are properly secured and strengthened.
- (2) Ensure **thorough securing of loose equipment on board ships** to prevent any potential dangers during the cyclone.
- (3) **Secure and protect open equipment/items in harbor areas** to minimize the risk of damage or accidents.

f. **Health Department / Hospitals**

- (1) **Activate emergency medical facilities** such as field hospitals and mobile clinics in areas directly affected by the cyclone, equipped with essential medical supplies, including oxygen cylinders and life-saving drugs.
- (2) **Prepare hospitals for emergency admissions**, ensuring sufficient capacity, resources, and medical staff to **handle the influx of patients**.
- (3) **Deploy mobile medical teams and equipment** to provide immediate medical assistance to disaster-affected areas.
- (4) Maintain an **ample stockpile of essential medicines** to meet the increased demand during the cyclone.
- (5) **Keep Basic Health Units / Rural Health Units on high alert** and ready to respond to any emergency situations.
- (6) **Ensure optimal staffing levels** with adequate doctors, nurses, and paramedics to **provide uninterrupted medical services**.

g. **National Highway Authority (NHA) / Provincial Highway Authority**

- (1) Collaborate closely with local authorities and transport departments to **immediately address road closures and obstructions** caused by the cyclone, **establishing alternative routes and detours**.
- (2) **Mobilize heavy earthmoving machinery to clear critical chokepoints** and ensure **the restoration of blocked/disrupted road arteries**.
- (3) Conduct **immediate assessments** of bridges, flyovers, and culverts in vulnerable areas for any damages and prioritize prompt repairs or reinforcement for public safety.

h. **Electric DISCO / K-Electric**

- (1) **Maintain a high level of vigilance** among maintenance staff for the emergency restoration of disrupted electrical services during and after the cyclone.
- (2) **Pre-position emergency maintenance teams** for rapid deployment to affected areas once conditions permit.
- (3) **Ensure the availability of dewatering equipment** at vulnerable and critical grid stations to handle any flooding or water-related issues.
- (4) **Continuously monitor power grids** to promptly detect and address faults, tripping, or electrical hazards throughout the cyclone.
- (5) **Deploy additional electrical crews and equipment** to assist in power restoration efforts in severely affected areas as soon as it is safe to do so.

i. **Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA)**

- (1) **Ensure immediate and continuous broadcast** of advisories, alerts, and public awareness messages issued by Disaster Management Authorities through all public and private media outlets, with regular intervals, particularly during prime time.
- (2) **Disseminate information** in local languages, including Sindhi, Balochi, Seraiki, etc., to reach a wider audience and ensure effective communication with local communities.
- (3) **Strictly monitor and prevent** the broadcast of false or misleading information by media outlets to avoid confusion and maintain public trust.

j. **Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA)**

- (1) **Facilitate the dissemination** of warnings and advisories through Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs) to reach the maximum number of people in affected areas.

- (2) **Prioritize the swift restoration** of disrupted telecommunication services in the cyclone-affected areas to enable effective communication and coordination.
 - (3) **Coordinate with CMOs** for the deployment of Mobile COWs (Cell on Wheels) to ensure the availability of uninterrupted telecom services in the affected areas.
 - (4) **Establish robust communication protocols** for emergency responders and field teams to ensure seamless coordination and exchange of critical information during the cyclone.
 - (5) **Ensure backup communication links** are in place to address any disruptions to the terrestrial communication infrastructure.
- k. **Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Maritime Security, Coast Guards)**
- (1) **Ensure the safety and maintenance** of troops, personnel, aviation assets, rescue boats, and hovercraft to support rescue and relief operations during and after the cyclone, allocating additional resources as necessary.
 - (2) **Safeguard the well-being** of search and rescue personnel deployed in coastal areas, taking necessary precautions to ensure their safety during emergencies.
 - (3) **Maintain availability of assets and personnel** for conducting reconnaissance of disaster-affected areas to assess the extent of damage and prioritize relief efforts.
 - (4) **Fully stock relief and medical camps**, ensuring an adequate supply of essential resources to assist the affected population, and allocate additional resources as needed.
 - (5) **Provide immediate assistance** to the Local Administration in the disaster-affected areas, supporting their efforts to mitigate the impact and provide relief to affected communities.
- l. **Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD)**
- (1) In light of the rapid intensification of cyclonic system, **issue two-hourly advisories, ensuring timely dissemination** to all stakeholders and DM Organizations.
 - (2) Ensure close **collaboration with NDMA's Technical Team** to timely assess region-specific impacts.
- m. **SUPARCO**
- (1) Prepare and **provide daily inundation projections to NDMA**, detailing the impacts of TC BIPARJOY on low-lying / coastal / adjoining areas.

n. **Local Communities**

- (1) Engage local communities at traditionally / historically hazard-prone sites to enable **round-the-clock monitoring**.
- (2) Advise local communities to **adhere to directives of Local Administration** on emergency evacuation procedures.
- (3) Advise **fishermen to exercise appropriate caution** while in coastal areas.
- (4) **Fishermen in Sindh and Balochistan to NOT VENTURE into the open sea until 17 June 2023.**
- (5) Establish a reliable communication system to deliver **real-time weather updates and guidance to fishing communities**.
- (6) **Farmers / cattle herders** to be advised to take all necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to **safeguard their crops and livestock**, i.e. timely harvesting, safe storage, safe sheltering or any precaution from adverse effects of dust-wind-thunderstorms.
- (7) **Stay away from electric poles and wires** during the cyclone to avoid electrical hazards.
- (8) Ensure you have **essential supplies**, including a hurricane lantern, flashlight, important documents and spare batteries.
- (9) **Stock up on non-perishable food and store extra drinking water** in covered containers.
- (10) **Evacuate low-lying beaches and flood-prone areas** before they become inaccessible due to rising tides or flooding.
- (11) Stay **vigilant for high water** in areas near rivers or streams during **heavy rainfall**.
- (12) **Remove and store objects that can become projectiles** in strong winds.
- (13) Follow the **instructions of authorities and remain in shelters** until you are informed it is safe to return home.
- (14) Avoid **touching loose or dangling wires** and keep away from disaster areas unless you are involved in assisting with relief efforts.

6. **PDMA Punjab & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**. Ensure readiness to provide necessary support and assistance including rescue, relief and medical to disaster affected areas of Balochistan and Sindh as required.

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

8. Forwarded for your information / further necessary action, please.



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TC- Alert 26 (Warning # 13 for Southeast Sindh-Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparker, Umerkot & Mirpurkhas)

Date: 15 June 2023
 Time: 1900 PST

**Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (BIPARJOY) over Northeast Arabian Sea started
 Land falling**

The Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) “BIPARJOY” over northeast Arabian Sea has moved further east-northeastward during last 03 hours, now lies near Latitude 22.9°N & Longitude 68.2°E at a distance of about 245km south of Karachi, 200km south Thatta and 150km south of Keti Bandar. The **landfall process of VSCS (Biparjoy) commenced along the Indian Gujarat coast and Pakistan-India boarder** and will get complete by midnight. Maximum sustained surface winds are 100-120 Km/hour gusts 140 Km/hour around the system center and sea conditions being rough/phenomenal with maximum wave height 20-25 feet.

Possible Impacts:

Under its influence:

- Widespread rain-thunderstorm with some very heavy/extremely heavy falls accompanied with squally winds of 100-120Km/hour gusting 140km/hour likely in Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparker, Mirpurkhas & Umerkot districts from today to 17 June.
- Dust/thunderstorm-rain with a few heavy falls & accompanied with squally winds of 40-60 Km/hour likely in Karachi, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allayar, Shaheed Benazirabad & Sanghar districts on today and tomorrow.
- Dust/thunderstorm-rain with isolated heavy falls likely in Hub, Lasbella & Khuzdar districts of Balochistan today & tomorrow.
- Squally (high intensity) winds may cause damage to loose & vulnerable structures (Kutchha houses) including solar panels etc.
- Storm surge of 3-4 meters (10-12 feet) expected at the land falling point (Keti Bandar and around) which can inundate the low-lying settlements.
- Sea conditions along Sindh coast may get very rough/ high (2-2.5 meter) and rough/ very rough (2 meter) along Balochistan coast (Sonmiani, Hub, Kund Malir, Ormara and surroundings).
- Fishermen are advised not to venture in open sea till the system is over by 17 June.

FORECASTED PATH – TROPICAL CYCLONE “BIPARJOY”



The European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecast