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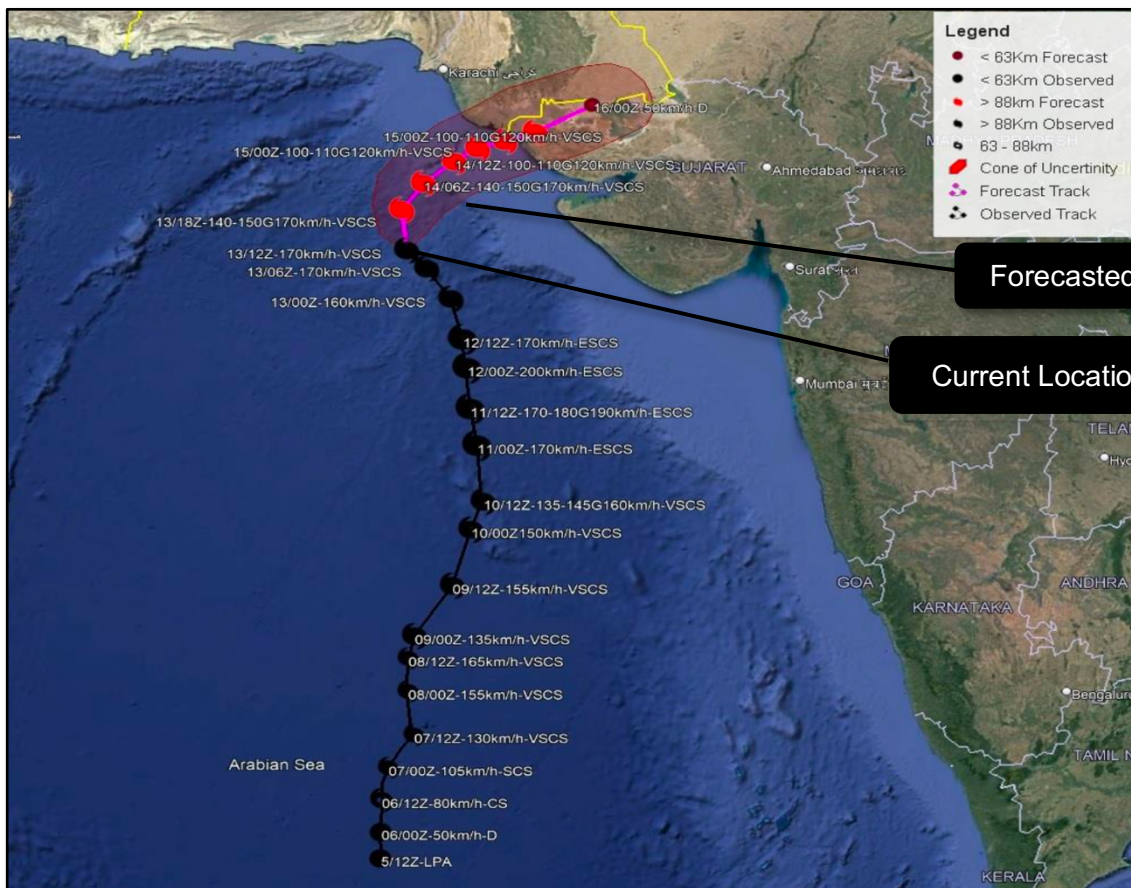


Dated: 13 June 2023
2200 hours

Subject: **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm "BIPARJOY" Over Northeast Arabian Sea**
Reference: NDMA TC-Advisory No.F.2(E)/2023-NDMA(TC-Alert-XIV) dated 13 Jun 2023

In continuation of above referred TC Advisory, PMD has released following updates of the **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) "BIPARJOY"** (press release attached as **Annex A**): -

- Location - Latitude 21.2°N & Longitude 66.6°E
- Distance from Karachi - 380 km South
- Distance from Thatta - 390 km South
- Wind Speed - Sustained 140-150 km/h, 170 km/h gusts
- Forecasted Direction - Northward (until morning of 14 June)



2. Currently, favourable conditions are supporting VSCS BIPARJOY to sustain its strength. The **system is likely to track** further **Northward** until **14 June** (morning), then recurve **Northeastward** and cross between **Keti Bandar (Southeast Sindh)** and **Indian Gujrat Coast** on **15 June** (afternoon/evening) as a **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS)** with **100-120 km/h** winds and **140 km/h gusts**.

3. The predicted development path based on international weather forecasting models used by PMD is enclosed as **Annex B**, for proactive preparations against likely impacts. **It must be highlighted that the impacts of this evolving situation will only be certain with further development of the system.**

4. Possible impacts under the current forecast are as under: -

- a. **Widespread wind-dust / thunderstorm / rain** with **very to extremely heavy falls & squally winds** (80-100 km/h) with **gusts** (120 km/h) expected in Districts **Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparkar, Mirpurkhas & Umerkot** from **13 - 17 June 2023**.
- b. **Dust / thunderstorm / rain**, with few **heavy falls & gusty winds** (60-80 km/h) likely in Districts **Karachi, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allayar, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar** from **14 - 16 June 2023**.
- c. **Dust / thunderstorm / rain**, with **isolated heavy falls** are likely in Districts **Hub and Lasbella** from **14 - 16 June**.
- d. Squally / **highspeed-intensity winds** may **damage loose structures, kacha houses**, under construction buildings, **solar panels, trees and billboards** along coastal areas and surroundings.
- e. **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.
- f. **High risk of coastal flooding** in Districts **Badin and Thatta** as cyclone progresses / reaches coastline.
- g. Given anticipated sea conditions, **fishermen will not be able venture** into open sea **until 17 June 2023**.
- h. **High risk of storm surge of 3-3.5 metres** (8-12 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 / DDMA's**

- (1) Ensure **vigilant monitoring of the tropical cyclone's development** and ensure **proactive coordination** through respective emergency operation centres.
- (2) Ensure **functionality of early warning systems** and ensure prompt dissemination of **timely and accurate information** to at-risk communities.
- (3) Utilize **multiple communication channels**, such as **television, radio, social media** and **SMS alerts**, to conduct extensive and continuous **awareness campaigns** to effectively reach coastal communities, educate the public on the **potential impacts** of the cyclone, **emergency evacuation procedures** and **safety measures**.
- (4) Respective PDMA's/DDMA's, **Rescue Agencies** (Rescue 1122, Civil Defence, Fire Departments, Paramedics), and concerned departments may identify **high-risk / low lying areas prone to storm surges, coastal flooding, urban flooding**, high speed winds and **develop / enact evacuation plans** accordingly.
- (5) Coordinate with relevant district and municipal administrations to ensure **preparedness measures for thunderstorms/flash flooding, highspeed winds, storm surge** and secure or remove billboards/hoardings.
- (6) Ensure **immediate stocking of basic commodities** including **paramedics & medicine**, especially in regions that are likely to get cut-off during severe weather events.
- (7) 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**.
- (8) Advise individuals residing in **unsecured mud ("kacha") houses and low-lying areas** to **seek shelter** in sturdier / more secure buildings, higher ground for personal safety.
- (9) Coordinate with relevant departments, including NHA/FWO/C&W and line departments, to **assess and prepare for any potential damage to roads, bridges**, and other **critical infrastructure**.
- (10) Ensure the availability of **necessary equipment and resources** for rapid response and recovery operations, including **road clearance** and **restoration of utility services**.
- (11) Coordinate with electric companies, i.e. K-Electric should ensure safety

measures are in place to **prevent electrical hazards** during the cyclone and ensure rapid restoration of services in case of disruption.

- (12) Take all necessary measures to **address inundation issues** in Karachi, Hyderabad, Bhanbore Divisions and surrounding regions, caused by heavy rainfall, coastal floods and storm surges.
- (13) Implement **dewatering plans for underpasses in Karachi** to prevent urban flooding.
- (14) Ensure availability of dewatering pumps at vulnerable points.
- (15) Ensure **functionality of nullahs/sewerage systems** and ensure their proper maintenance on an emergency basis to **prevent waterlogging and drainage issues**.
- (16) Coordinate with **hospitals to place them on alert status and arrange alternate energy sources**, such as generators, in case of power outages to ensure uninterrupted medical services.
- (17) Advise relevant District Administrations to **take precautionary measures in low lying areas against effects from storm surge activity**.
- (18) **NEOC at NDMA** has been made functional **round the clock for TC BIPARJOY monitoring and coordination**. All concerned to timely and 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) Ensure availability of emergency staff in light of present situation.
- (2) Pre-place **emergency teams at critical / vulnerable locations** for rapid deployment.
- (3) Ensure **availability of rescue vehicles / equipment** for use by emergency teams.
- (4) Support **emergency evacuation efforts** in line with directives from PDMA / DDMA and District Administrations.
- (5) Coordinate any **necessary additional HR support** required from Rescue 1122 Punjab.

c. **Law Enforcement Agencies**

- (1) Ensure **availability of personnel / staff in light of emergency** situation.
- (2) Support **emergency evacuation efforts** in line with directives from PDMA / DDMA and District Administrations.
- (3) Ensure security of evacuation zones.
- (4) Ensure law and order situation is maintained in disaster affected areas.

- (5) Advise / **restrict travelers into vulnerable areas** which are at-risk of inclement / adverse weather conditions.
- d. **Fisheries Department**
- (1) Restrict fishermen from venturing to open sea in light of adverse / rough sea state until 17 June 2023.
 - (2) Advise fishermen to secure loose equipment and boats at harbour.
- e. **Port Authorities**
- (1) Ensure vessels are secured at berths in harbour with all lines secured.
 - (2) Ensure loose equipment on board ships are secured to prevent untoward situation.
 - (3) Ensure open equipment / items in harbour areas are secured or under shelter.
- f. **Health Department / Hospitals**
- (1) Ensure **readiness of hospitals for emergency** intake of patients.
 - (2) Ensure **ready stockpile of essential medicines**.
 - (3) Prepare Basic Health Units / Rural Health Units to **remain vigilant and prepared** for emergency situation.
 - (4) Ensure **full staffing (doctors / nurse / paramedics) of medical facilities** in light of present situation.
 - (5) Ensure **availability of mobile medical teams / equipment** to ready for **deployment to disaster affected areas**.
- g. **National Highway Authority (NHA) / Provincial Highway Authority**
- (1) Ensure **readiness of contractors for emergency** deployment / restoration efforts.
 - (2) Pre-placement of **heavy earth moving machinery at critical chokepoints**.
 - (3) Ensure **restoration of blocked / disrupted road arteries** on priority basis.
- h. **Electric DISCO / K-Electric**
- (1) Ensure **availability of maintenance staff for emergency** restoration of disrupted services.
 - (2) Pre-place emergency **maintenance teams for rapid deployment** to affected areas.
 - (3) Ensure **availability of de-watering equipment** at vulnerable / critical grid stations and electrical infrastructure in case of any eventuality.
- i. **Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA)**
- (1) Ensure advisories / alerts and public awareness messages from Disaster Management Authorities are **repeated / broadcast by all public and private media outlets at regular intervals, especially at prime time**.

- (2) Ensure **dissemination of information in local languages**, including Sindhi, Balochi, Seraiki, etc.
 - (3) Ensure that **false information is not broadcast** by media outlets.
- j. **Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA)**
- (1) Ensure **dissemination of early warnings / advisories** through Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs).
 - (2) Ensure **timely restoration of disrupted telecommunication services** in affected areas.
 - (3) Coordinate with CMOs for **deployment of Mobile COWs** for availability of telecom services in affected areas.
- k. **Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Maritime Security, Coast Guards)**
- (1) Ensure **availability of troops / personnel, aviation assets, rescue boats / hovercraft** to support rescue and relief operations.
 - (2) Ensure **availability of assets / personnel to conduct reconnaissance** of disaster affected areas.
 - (3) Ensure **readiness for establishment of relief / medical camps** to assist disaster affectees.
 - (4) Provide **any available assistance necessary to Local Administration** in disaster affected areas.
- l. **Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD)**
- (1) In light of the rapid intensification of cyclonic system, **issue three-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 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.
6. **PDMAs 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 17 (Warning # 6 for Southeast Sindh)

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Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (BIPARJOY) over Northeast Arabian Sea

The Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) “ BIPARJOY” over northeast Arabian Sea moved further north-northwestward during last 06 hours, and now lies near Latitude 21.2°N & Longitude 66.6°E at a distance of about 380km south of Karachi, 390km south of Thatta. Maximum sustained surface winds are 140-150 Km/hour gusts 170 Km/hour around the system center and sea conditions being phenomenal around the system center with maximum wave height 30 feet. The favorable environmental conditions (sea surface temperature of 29-30°C, low vertical wind shear & upper-level divergence) are in support to sustain its strength through the forecast period.

Under the existing upper-level steering winds, the VSCS “BIPARJOY” is most likely to track further Northward until 14 June morning, then recurve Northeastward and cross between Keti Bandar (Southeast Sindh) and Indian Gujarat coast on 15 June afternoon/evening as a **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS)** with packing winds of 100-120 Km/hour gusting 140 km/hour. PMD’s cyclone warning center, Karachi is continuously monitoring the system and will issue update accordingly.

Possible Impacts:

- With its probable approach to the southeast Sindh coast, widespread wind-dust/thunderstorm rain with some very heavy/extremely heavy falls accompanied with squally winds of 80-100Km/hour gusting 120km/hour likely in Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparker, Mirpurkhas & Umerkot districts during 13-17 June.
- Dust/thunderstorm-rain with few heavy falls & accompanied with squally winds of 60-80 Km/hour likely in Karachi, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allayar, Shaheed Benazirabad & Sanghar districts from 14 -16 June.
- Dust/thunderstorm-rain with isolated heavy falls likely in Hub, Lasbella districts of Balochistan during 14-16 June.
- Squally (high intensity) winds may cause damage to loose & vulnerable structures (Kutchha houses) including solar panels etc.
- Storm surge of 3-3.5 meters (8-12 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 to high (2-2.5 meter) accompanied and rough to 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”

