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F.2 (E)/2023-NDMA (MW/Weather Advisory)-XIII Government of Pakistan Prime Minister's Office National Disaster Management Authority ISLAMABAD



Dated: 26 May 2023 Time: 1330 hours

Subject: <u>Wind-Dust/ Thunderstorm-Rain is Expected in Upper and Central Parts of</u> the Country with Temperatures Remaining Normal to Below Normal (28 - 31 May 2023)

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecasted (*Annex-A*) that a westerly wave is likely to enter western and upper parts of the country on 28 May and will likely persist until 31 May 2023. Under the influence of this weather system, following is forecasted: -

- a. <u>**28 (evening/ night) to 30 May**</u>. Wind-dust/thunderstorm and rain is expected in the following regions: -
 - (1) **<u>Punjab</u>**. Layyah, Bhakkar, D.G Khan, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalnagar, Multan, Sahiwal, Khanewal, Okara and Pakpattan.
 - (2) <u>Balochistan</u>. Quetta, Zhob, Barkhan, Qilla Saifullah, Qillah Abdullah, Chaman, Pishin, Noshki, Naseerabad, Kalat, Lasbella, Khuzdar and Sibbi.
 - (3) <u>Sindh</u>. Sukkur, Dadu, Karachi, Hyderabad, Jacobabad, Shaheed Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas, Khairpur and Larkana.
- b. <u>28 (evening/ night) to 31 May</u>. Wind-dust/thunderstorm, rain, few hailstorms and isolated heavy walls with occasional gaps are expected in the following regions: -
 - (1) <u>AJ&K</u>. Neelum Valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber and Mirpur.
 - (2) <u>**Gilgit-Baltistan**</u>. Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche and Shigar.
 - (3) <u>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</u>. Chitral, Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Peshawar, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi, Mardan, Bajaur, Kurram, Waziristan, Kohat, Bannu, Tank, Karak and Dera Ismail Khan.
 - (4) <u>Punjab</u>. Murree, Galliyat, Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Sheikhupura, Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Nankana, Mandi Bahauddin, Khushab, Mianwali, Narowal, Sialkot, Kasur, Lahore and Jhelum.
 - (5) **Islamabad Capital Territory.** Urban and rural areas.

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- 2. In light of the forecast shared by PMD, following impacts are forecasted:
 - a. Dust/ windstorm may cause damage to loose structures such as under construction buildings, hoardings and tall trees etc.
 - b. Strong winds may cause damage to standing crops.
 - c. Heavy rainfall may cause landslides/avalanches and disrupt traffic flow.
 - d. Heavy hailstorms/ thunderstorms can endanger lives (human & livestock) and property.

3. Apropos, all PDMAs/ GBDMA/ SDMA and ICT Administration, NHA, NH&MP, FWO, Rescue 1122, Line Departments, Ministries and Federal Agencies are required to undertake measures as per respective mandates. However, following is to be ensured by all concerned in addition to measures deemed appropriate as per on ground situation/ requirements: -

- a. Local administrations to assess and plan deployment of additional resources and exercise control over traffic leading to and in vicinity of vulnerable/ choke points/ tourist spots/ attractions. Local administration to also secure loose infrastructure such as buildings under constructions and advertisement hoardings etc. to prevent losses/ damages and save precious lives.
- Engage local communities at traditionally/ historically dangerous/ hazard-prone sitesto enable round the clock monitoring and establish feedback mechanism for early warnings and alerts for at-risk population.
- c. Coordinate with relevant district and municipal administrations to ensure mitigation & preparedness measures for landslides/ flash flooding/ hill torrents and to secure or remove billboards/ hoardings in view of thunderstorms/ high winds/ hailstorms.
- d. Farmers to be advised to take all necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to safeguard their crops, i.e. timely harvesting, safe storage or any other precaution from adverse effects of dust-wind-thunderstorms/ hailstorms.
- e. Cattle/ sheep herders to be advised to undertake necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to protect their livestock, i.e. safe sheltering or any other precaution from adverse effects of dust-wind-thunderstorms / hailstorm.
- f. Travelers on Provincial & National Highways in at-risk/ affected areas be forewarned of adverse conditions and detoured to safe waiting areas under guidance of respectivePDMAs, Local Authorities, National Highway & Motorway Police, LEAs etc.
- g. General public is advised to seek shelter in safe areas such as sturdy buildings or underground structures during dust-wind-hail/thunderstorms and avoid objects that pose a risk of falling or being struck by lightning.

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- h. Ensure availability of emergency services personnel during the forecasted period.
- PDMA/ DDMAs to arrange and preplace necessary inventory and other essentials atstrategic locations/ vulnerable/ choke points in coordination with NH&MP/ NHA/ FWO, local C&W, Rescue 1122 and line departments.
- j. In light of possible high flows in seasonal nullahs, LEAs are to ensure regulation of level crossing points and diversion of traffic in coordination with local administration.
- Ensure immediate stocking of basic commodities including paramedics & medicine especially in regions that are likely to get cut-off during landslides/ avalanches.
- I. Ensure widespread circulation of alerts and advisories, especially in local languages, to raise awareness and sensitize travelers/ tourists and local communities in at-risk/ vulnerable areas.
- m. Ensure round the clock monitoring of situation through EOCs with regular feedback to PEOCs and NEOC.
- n. In case of any eventuality, twice daily / routine updates to be shared with NDMA.

4. <u>**Press Information Department Only</u>**. With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.</u>

5. Forwarded for information/ necessary action, please.

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More wind-dust/thunderstorm-rain is expected in upper and central parts during the next week with occasional gaps. (Temperatures are likely to remain normal to below normal)

Met Office informed that another westerly wave is likely to enter in western and upper parts of the country on 28th May (Sunday) likely to persist till 31" May (Wednesday). Under the influence of this weather system:

- Wind-dust-thunderstorm/rain is expected in Balochistan (Quetta, Zhob, Barkhan, Qilla Saifullah, Qillah Abdullah, Chaman, Pishin, Noshki, Naseerabad, Kalat, Lasbella, Khuzdar & Sibbi), Sindh (Sukkur, Dadu, Karachi, Hyderabad, Jacobabad, Shaheed Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas, Khairpur & Larkana), Punjab (Lavvah, Bhakkar, D.G khan, Rajanpur, R.Y khan, Bahawalnagar, Multan, Sahiwal, Khanewal, Okara & Pakpattan) on 28th (evening/night) & 30th May.
- Wind-dust/thunderstorm-rain with a few hailstorms (Isolated heavy falls) is expected in Kashmir (Neelum valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur), Gilgit-Baltistan (Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche, Shigar), Chitral, Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Peshawar, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi, Mardan, Bajaur, Kurram, Waziristan, Kohat, Bannu, Tank, Karak, Dera Ismail Khan, Islamabad, Murree, Galliyat, Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Sheikhupura, Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Nankana, Mandi Bahauddin, Khushab, Mianwali, Narowal, Sialkot, Kasur, Lahore & Jhelum from 28th (evening/night) to 31" May with occasional gaps.

Possible Impacts & Advices:

- Dust storm/wind storm may cause damage to lose structure and standing crops in Punjab, Khyber
- Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Sindh and Kashmir during 28th to 30th May.
- Farmers are advised to remain cautious during the forecast period.
- Tourists are advised to plan their activities accordingly.

General public is advised to stay at safe places during the dust storm/wind-thunderstorm. Note: All concerned authorities are advised to remain "ALERT" to avoid any untoward situation during the forecast period.

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- 28 (شام)دان،) = 30 می که دومان: این تان (کوئر وارد بدار کهان، تکور سینساط، تکو میداط، بین وظی، نسیر آباد ، ی، قات ، لسیل وضدار)، شده (تکمر برود، کراتی، میدمآباد دلیک آباد طال کار. همید پینظرة بدیر بر داس او تیر بر که داند. (به ، تیکر دای خان دان براد از مدان براد انگر مشان ، مراجال، داند ال اعلان اید باک بین از تا تا اس کار از تشکیر بیشکاور کرد تیک کر ماتھ بار تواباد چند مشان بر تالا بالافكاكج المكان س
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