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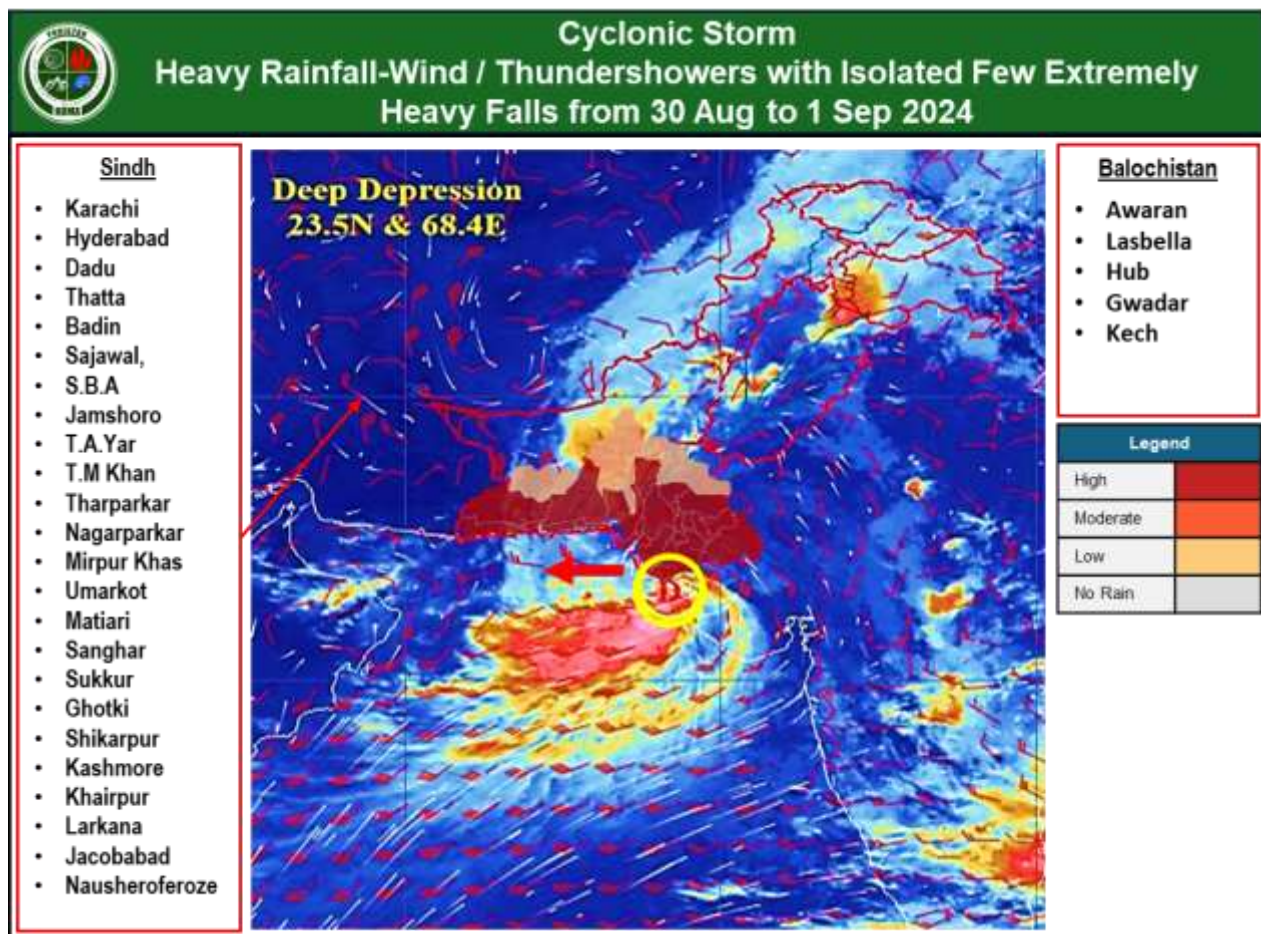


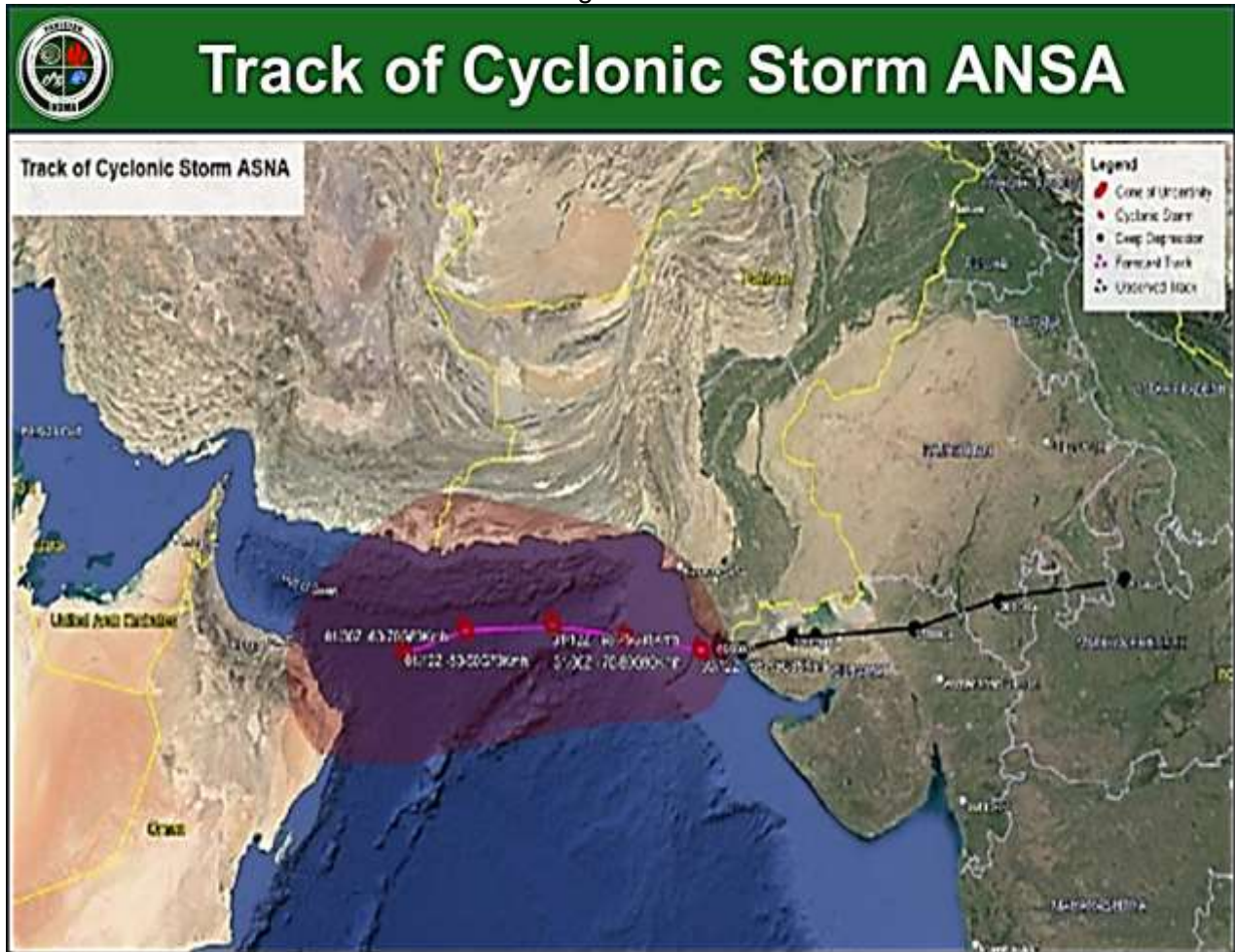
Dated: 30 August 2024

Subject: **Cyclonic Storm "ASNA" Over Northeast Arabian Sea**

A **deep depression** over **Rann of Kutch, India** is approaching **west-southwest** of Pakistan and now lies at around **Latitude 23.5 N & Longitude 68.4 E** at about **170 km** east / southeast of **Karachi**. The system is likely to keep moving further **west / southwestwards** in **northeast Arabian Sea** along **Sindh coast** and intensify further into a **Cyclonic Storm (CS)** this afternoon / evening.

2. Under its influence, **widespread rain / wind-thunderstorms** with **scattered heavy / very heavy** and **isolated extremely heavy falls** are likely expected in **Karachi division, Tharparker, Badin, Thatta, Sajawal, Hyderabad, T.M Khan, T.A Yar, Matiari, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Jamshoro, Dadu & Shaheed Benazirabad** districts till **31 August**. **Widespread rain / wind-thunderstorms** with **scattered heavy / very heavy falls** are also likely in **Hub, Lasbela, Awaran, Kech & Gwadar** districts from **30 August** to **1 September 2024** with **occasional gaps**.





3. Under the said **Cyclonic Storm** following are the likely impacts:-
- Sea conditions** are likely to remain **rough / very rough** with squally winds **50-60 Km / hour, gusting 70 Km / hour**.
 - Coastal Flooding** may occur along **Sindh-coast**.
 - Pluvial **flood / inundation** may occur in **low lying** areas of **Sindh**.
 - Windstorms** may damage crops, **loose structures**, etc.
 - Thunderstorms to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
 - Electricity / other utility services** may **get disrupted**.
 - Fishermen** of **Sindh** are advised **not to venture into sea till 31 August and those from Balochistan till 1 September**.
 - General public** is advised to avoid visiting the **seaside** and **beach areas** and remain cautious of loose structures like **billboards, electrical poles, solar panels** and **hoardings**.
4. All concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PDMA Sindh & Balochistan, DDMA / local administration, municipal authorities of major metropolises are advised to **ensure following** along with

any other measures deemed necessary: -

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

- (1) During thunderstorms, and to avoid **lightning strike, avoid following**:-
 - (a) **Do not stand close to telephone or electric pylons.**
 - (b) Do **not use landline telephones** and any metal / wiring that is not 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) Do not risk cross any **drain** or **road, overtopping** with **water flow**. Wait for flows to normalize and prioritize / ensure safety.
- (3) Do not risk **enter** a **ponded / under-construction road**.
- (4) Do not take / allow children **close** to **ponds / stagnant** water, water **drainage lines** or any place where **potholes** are **present**.
- (5) Sensitize all concerned on risks posed by **venturing into water channels** and **crossing nullahs** during flash floods.
- (6) Do not handle / repair any **electrical equipment**, especially with **exposed lines** to preclude risk of electrocution **during rainfall / thunderstorms** and water pondage.
- (7) Avoid staying in weak structures. In case of intense rain, seek shelter in safe places such as schools, government buildings, or any concrete buildings.

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

- (1) Alert **masses living** in **low-lying areas** to exercise **extra caution** and activate **community-based alert systems**.
- (2) Limit the number of **tourists allowed entry** to **picnic** and **tourist spots** to **avoid overcrowding**.
- (3) Disseminate **advisories, alerts**, and **guidelines** to **all concerned**.
- (4) Regulate **traffic** at **picnic** and **tourist spots** to ensure a smooth flow and **prevent congestion**.
- (5) Provision of **POL** for **backup generators** at **water pumping stations** and timely **pre-placement** of **dewatering pumps** to respond to urban flooding in cities.
- (6) Secure **loose structures including billboards / hoardings / solar panels** from effects of windstorms / thundershowers.

- (7) Under advised of local administration and LEAs, **restrict seasonal nullah crossings**.
- (8) Activation and deputation of duty staff for **round-the-clock monitoring** through Emergency Operation Centers (**EOCs**).
- (9) Collect and share the **latest information** with line departments, **provincial**, and **national authorities**.
- (10) Generate Situation Reports (**SITREPs**) to cover any major incidents / developments.
- (11) 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.

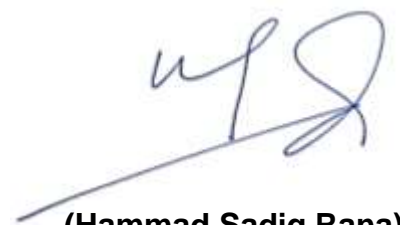
c. **PDMA Sindh**

- (1) **Coordinate** with respective PDMA's 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, advised 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**.
5. In case of any eventuality, twice-daily updates be shared with NDMA.
 6. With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.



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