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Strategic Engagement

Diplomats from Regional Countries Visited National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) 07-01-2025



Representatives from Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) visited National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC).

The delegation received a comprehensive briefing on the state-of-the-art technological infrastructure and operational frameworks designed to tackle climate-induced anomalies and disasters in Pakistan and the region. Key topics included the escalating impacts of rising temperatures, coastal crises, and their implications for regional stability.

Chairman NDMA emphasized the importance of utilizing NEOC's advanced systems for real-time monitoring, disaster preparedness, and response. He also highlighted the potential for establishing a regional framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), fostering joint efforts in capacity building and knowledge sharing to enhance disaster resilience across the region.

Secretary General of ECO Secretariat, Ambassador Dr. Asad Majeed Khan, commended NDMA's proactive initiatives in disaster preparedness. He called on regional member states to prioritize DRR frameworks, noting that ECO countries collectively face annual climate-related losses of \$70 million, underscoring the urgency of regional cooperation.

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NDMA, Gender Task Force and UN Agencies Host National Consultation on Women and Girls Leading Community Transformation. NDMA's Gender & Child Cell (GCC) collaborated with the Gender Task Force and UN agencies to host a two-day National Level Consultation titled "Transforming Communities through Women and Girls' Leadership for Climate Resilience and Gender Equality" in Islamabad on 14 & 15 January, 2025.

The consultation aimed to highlight the critical role women and girls play in driving transformative change within communities, particularly in the context of climate resilience and disaster management. Chairman NDMA emphasized the importance of proactive responsiveness and social resilience in disaster management. He stressed the need for adaptive measures to address climate-related challenges.

The Chairman acknowledged that disasters disproportionately affect vulnerable communities, particularly women and girls. However, it is inevitable to tap their potential for resilience-building within formal disaster risk reduction (DRR) and anticipatory action frameworks. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri in her address highlighted the importance of integrating gender considerations into climate strategies. She stated that in the face of growing climate challenges, empowering women and girls to take leadership roles is not just an opportunity but a necessity.

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A delegation from member countries of Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIDRAP), an Intergovernmental Organization, mandated for promoting & strengthening Integrated Rural Development Systems for 15 Asia-Pacific Countries, visited NDMA's NEOC. This visit was part of the International training on "Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation" organized by AKHNCRD in collaboration with CIDRAP and NDMA.

Delegates from nine countries including Fiji, Iran, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Myanmar were part of the delegation. The delegates were briefed on the capability exposition of NEOC, a technology driven platform for early warnings development and projections of future disasters. The future disaster's trajectories developed by NEOC indicate likelihood of hazardous event, time of impact, potential losses and alerts for vulnerable audience and help enablers.

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#### NDMA Convened first session on Water Scarcity and Food Security in Pakistan 16-01-2025



NDMA convened first session on Water Scarcity and Food Security in Pakistan at National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC). The brainstorming session brought together key stakeholders, including representatives from relevant ministries, departments and organizations, to deliberate on the pressing challenges of water scarcity and food security facing the nation.

The session aimed to lay the groundwork for a comprehensive recommendations-based study to tackle these critical issues. The meeting was attended by Chairman WAPDA, who provided valuable insights into the water management strategies and initiatives being undertaken in Pakistan.

Chairman NDMA also briefed participants about NDMA's ongoing efforts to address the interconnected challenges of water scarcity and food security. He highlighted the NDMA's initiatives in disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation and early warning systems, which are instrumental in ensuring sustainable resource management and food resilience.

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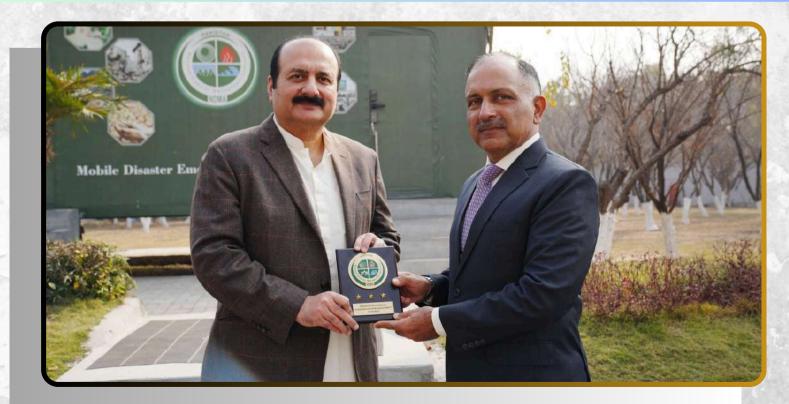
Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme, Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan visited the National Emergency Operation Center at NDMA HQs. The Prime Minister's Youth Programme is committed to the empowerment of Pakistan's youth through skill development, financial assistance and educational support, with a focus on entrepreneurship, employability and social inclusion as drivers of socio-economic progress.

Chairman NDMA gave an overview of the Integrated National Search and Rescue (INSaR) Concept, initiated by NDMA to cater the needs of geo-based hazards. The concept involved community and volunteers as first responders, making it more relevant to the objectives of Prime Minister's Youth Programme.

The session ended with mutual agreement regarding collaborating on this valuable government initiative as both sides could perceive the synergies between NDMA and NYP toward national resilience and disaster response capabilities.

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Strategic Engagement

A Senior Military Delegation from Bangladesh visited National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) 16-01-2025



Bangladesh's senior military delegation led by Lieutenant General S M Kamr-ul-Hassan, visited National Emergencies Operation Centre (NEOC) at HQ NDMA HQ. He was received and briefed by Chairman NDMA Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik, on comprehensive exposure of Pakistan's indigenous state-of-the-art disasters early warning hub - the NEOC. Lt Gen Inam and team NDMA apprised the visiting delegation about innovative proactive disaster management systems of Pakistan shaped by NEOC-in the last two years.

Lt-Gen S M Kamr-ul-Hassan, accompanied by senior Bangladeshi army officers, expressed explicit appreciation for Pakistan's proactive approach to disaster management and amazing model of NEOC. He highlighted brotherly relations between Bangladesh and Pakistan and underscored the importance of mutual coordination in disaster risk reduction (DRR). He immensely appreciated the facilitations and standards of Pak NEOC.

He endorsed the proposal of initiating joint disaster management exercises (Comprehensive International Simulation Exercises) with NDMA Pak, to strengthen operational coordination. He invited NDMA officials to visit Bangladesh to foster greater collaboration between the two nations.

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National Disaster Management 7. Proactive Disasters Management National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC)

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NDMA team apprised the visiting delegation about innovative proactive disaster management systems in Pakistan shaped by NEOC in the last two years. A comprehensive exposure of Pakistan's indigenous state-of-the-art disasters early warning hub was showcased during the brief. It was briefed that NEOC has all capacities to share with all neighborhoods and co-opting nations for collective national & regional response to Climate Change.

Furthermore, avenues for potential collaboration were also discussed during the visit. Pak NDMA offered a range of collaborative measures that can be initiated bilaterally and multi-laterally to achieve synergy and interoperability with participant nations. Maj. General Krishna Dev Bhatta, accompanied by other officers, expressed explicit appreciation for Pakistan's proactive approach to disaster management and tech-driven National Emergencies Operation Center of Pakistan.



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A delegation from Türkiye, led by Cavit Tasdemir and Colonel Fatih Yildirimaz, both Counselors of Interior Affairs visited NEOC for an insightful strategic engagement. The delegation was briefed on the capabilities and operations of NDMA's wings, with a particular focusing on preparedness during disaster management cycle through NEOC.

The visiting delegation expressed explicit appreciation for Pakistan's proactive approach to disaster management and tech-driven National Emergencies Operation Center of Pakistan.The Turkish delegation underscored the significance of bilateral cooperation in field of disaster management between both countries, particularly in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake (2023) in Türkiye and Floods 2022 in Pakistan.

The visiting delegation also explored the possibility of conducting joint simulation exercises to ensure a unified and coordinated response to disasters.

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#### Pak NDMA participated in the 18th meeting of Regional Consultative Committee in Bangkok, Thailand 23-01-2025

NDMA Pakistan's delegation, headed by Chairman NDMA, participated in the 18th meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) in Bangkok, Thailand. Two day RCC meeting from 23 – 24 January, 2025, was co-hosted by Government of Thailand and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC). Regional Consultative Committee is a regional forum to promote consultation and cooperation in reducing disaster and climate change risk in Asia and Pacific region.



The theme of this year's RCC meeting was "Sustainable Anticipatory Actions for Resilient Development Goals", which strongly resonates with NDMA Pakistan's proactive Disaster Risk management (DRM) approach to timely anticipate disasters through advance technologies and taking appropriate actions to reduce losses.

Chairman NDMA participated as a keynote speaker in the technical session on Financial Mechanisms and Investments – Climate Finance, Investment for Resilience Building, Disaster Risk Finance. In his keynote speech, Chairman highlighted the impacts of climate change in the Asia-Pacific Region and in Pakistan, including rising temperatures, extreme weather and water-related crises threatening socio-economic development progress in the region.

NDMA Coordinated Dispatch of Humanitarian Assistance to Kurram District with UN Organisations 28-01-2025



Pakistan National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with UN agencies dispatched a humanitarian relief consignment to Kurram District today. The convoy of 11x trucks with relief items provided by UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM, departed from Peshawar earlier today.

The relief consignment included essential items such as health and hygiene kits, dignity kits, emergency kits, Kitchen sets, blankets, sleeping mats, jerry cans and tarpaulins to support affected communities.

The distribution of relief items will be carried out in coordination with the Pakistan Army, civil administration, representatives from UN agencies and Red Cresent Society to ensure swift delivery to those in need.

This initiative underscores the government's commitment to addressing the immediate needs of vulnerable populations and strengthening partnerships for humanitarian efforts.

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Visit by the 42nd Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) delegation from National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), Peshawar 31-01-2025



The visit by the 42nd Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) delegation from the National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), Peshawar, to the National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) at NDMA Headquarters Islamabad.

Led by Chief Instructor Dr. Muqeem ul Islam, the delegation was briefed on innovative systems and technologies spearheaded by NEOC, which serves as the hub for the country's state-of-the-art disaster early warning mechanisms. The comprehensive exposure provided valuable insight into the advanced and indigenous disaster management capabilities developed in Pakistan.

The delegation commended NDMA for its forward-looking and robust approach to mitigating disasters. They emphasized the importance of NEOC as a model of excellence in disaster management. The visit underscored the critical role of knowledge-sharing and capacity-building initiatives in fostering effective governance and preparedness across the nation.

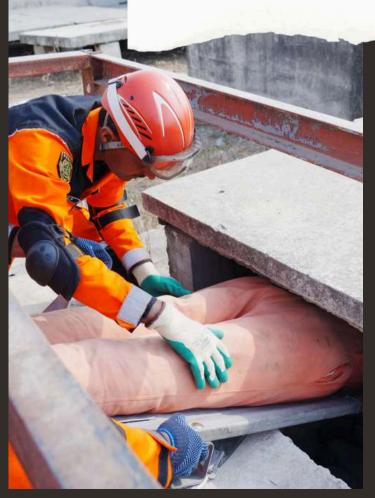
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#### Mock Drills by USAR (Urban Search & Rescue) Teams of Army and CDA





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