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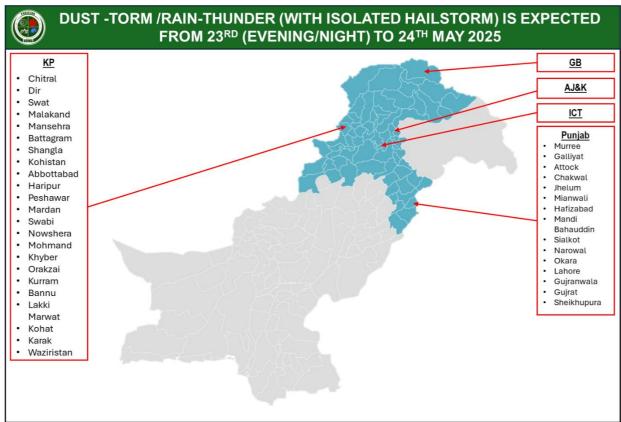
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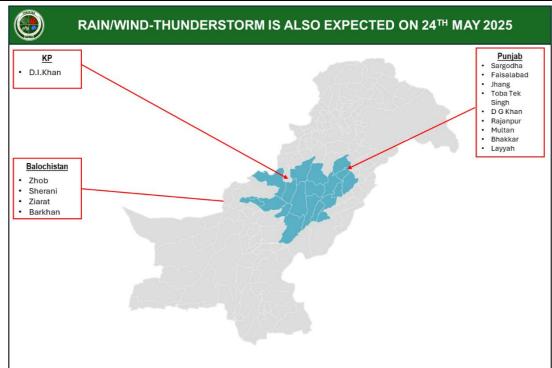


Dated: 23 May 2025

Subject: <u>DUST-STORM / RAIN-THUNDER PREDICTED IN UPPER PARTS ON 23rd (EVENING/NIGHT) / 24th MAY 2025</u>

Moist currents are continuously penetrating upper and Central parts of the country and a Westerly wave is also likely to enter Upper parts on 23rd (Evening / Night) 24th May 2025. Under the said weather system following are the likely impacted areas:-





2. Under the influence of this weather system, following are likely impacts: -

a. **Punjab and Islamabad Capital Territory**

- (1) Rains may trigger Landslides in Murree and hilly areas.
- (2) Rainfall with chances of heavy falls may generate flash / urban flooding in municipalities / local nullahs / streams and river tributaries.
- (3) **Isolated hailstorm** may cause damage to cause injures and damage to infrastructures, orchids, farms and vehicles etc.
- (4) Windstorms may damage crops, loose structures, etc.
- (5) Thunderstorms to increase risk of lightning strikes.
- (6) Electricity / other utility services may get disrupted.
- (7) General public is advised to be aware of loose structures like billboards, electrical poles, solar panels, hoardings, etc.
- (8) Farmers are advised to manage their activities keeping in view the weather forecast and hailstorm.
- (9) Avoid long period of outdoor exposure in heatwave and windy weather during afternoon and peak hours.

b. **Balochistan, KP, Galiyat, GB and State of AJ&K**

- (1) Heavy Downpour may cause urban flooding in low lying areas.
- (2) Heavy rains may trigger Landslides in Galiyat, Mansehra, Kohistan, Chitral, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, Sherani, Zhob, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.
- (3) Electricity / other utility services may get disrupted.
- (4) **Heavy Rainfall** may generate **flash flooding** in local nullahs / streams and river tributaries.
- (5) **Isolated hailstorm** may cause damage to cause injures and damage to infrastructures, orchids, farms and vehicles etc.
- (6) Windstorms may damage crops, loose structures, etc.
- (7) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (8) General public is advised to be aware of loose structures like billboards, electrical poles, solar panels, hoardings, etc.
- (9) Tourists are advised to remain cautious during the spell and check weather updates before traveling.
- (10) Rainfall may cause flash flooding in local nullahs.
- (11) Landslides / mudslides may lead to potential road blockages.
- (12) Windstorms may damage crops, loose structures, etc.
- (13) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (14) Electricity / other utility services may get disrupted.
- (15) **General public** is advised to be aware of loose structures like **billboards**,

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- electrical poles, solar panels, hoardings, etc.
- (16) Farmers are advised to manage their activities keeping in view the weather forecast and hailstorm.
- (17) Avoid long period of outdoor exposure in heatwave and windy weather during afternoon and peak hours.
- (18) Tourists and travellers visiting mountainous areas are advised to remain cautious during the period.
- 3. In this regard, all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PDMAs / GBDMA / SDMA/ ICT Administration, DDMAs/ local administrations, 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 **hailstorm**, follow these safety tips to protect yourself:
 - (a) <u>Seek Shelter Immediately</u>: Move indoors or take cover in a sturdy building or vehicle.
 - (b) <u>Stay Away from Windows</u>: Hail can shatter glass stay in a windowless room if possible.
 - (c) <u>Protect Your Head</u>: If caught outside, use anything available (bag, jacket, helmet) to cover your head and neck.
 - (d) Pull Over Safely (if driving): Stop the vehicle under a bridge, roofed area, or off the road. Stay inside with seatbelt fastened.
 - (e) <u>Listen to Weather Updates</u>: Use radio, mobile alerts, or apps to monitor the situation.
 - (f) <u>Cover Vehicles and Equipment</u>: If time allows, protect vehicles, livestock, and outdoor equipment with tarps or blankets.
 - (g) <u>Wait for the All-Clear</u>: Stay sheltered until authorities confirm it's safe to move.
 - (h) <u>Do Not Seek Shelter Under Trees or Poles</u>: These attract lightning and don't protect well from hail.
 - (i) Avoid Open Fields and Hilltops: These are more exposed to hail and lightning.
 - (j) <u>Do Not Use Electrical Appliances</u>: Avoid wired devices, plumbing, and electronics during accompanying thunderstorms.
 - (k) <u>Do Not Drive in Heavy Hail</u>: Visibility drops drastically and roads become slippery.
 - (2) During **thunderstorms**, follow these safety tips to protect yourself from **lightning strikes**:-
 - (a) Do not stand close to telephone or electric pylons.

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- (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.
- (3) Travellers / tourists are advised to: -
 - (a) Plan travels to picnic and tourist spots considering weather and traffic conditions.
 - (b) Properly dispose of garbage at designated areas to prevent clogging of drainage systems.
 - (c) Avoid overcrowding picnic and tourist spots and ensure personal safety.
 - (d) Keep children away from nullahs / potholes / drainage lines to avoid accidents.
 - (e) Wear weather appropriate clothing.
 - (f) Keep adequate supply of clean drinking water.
- (4) Do not risk cross any **drain** or **road overtopping** with **water flow**. Wait for flows to normalise and prioritise / ensure safety.
- (5) Do not risk enter a ponded under-construction road.
- (6) Do not take / allow children close to ponds / stagnant water, water drainage lines or any place where potholes are present.
- (7) Sensitize all concerned on risks posed by venturing into water channels and crossing nullahs during flash floods.
- (8) Do not handle / repair any electrical equipment, especially with exposed lines to preclude risk of electrocution during rainfall / thunderstorms and water pondage.
- (9) 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) Activation and deputation of duty staff for round-the-clock monitoring through Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs).
- (2) Collect and share the **latest information** with line departments, **provincial**, and **national authorities**.
- (3) Disseminate advisories, alerts, and guidelines to all concerned.
- (4) Generate Situation Reports (SITREPs) to cover any major incidents / developments.

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- (5) 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.
- (6)Alert masses living in low-lying areas to exercise extra caution and activate community-based alert systems.
- (7) Limit the number of tourists allowed entry to picnic and tourist spots to avoid overcrowding.
- Regulate traffic at picnic and tourist spots to ensure a smooth flow and (8) prevent congestion.
- Secure loose structures including billboards / hoardings / solar panels (9)from effects of windstorms / thundershowers.

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- Coordinate with respective PDMAs to align local efforts with provincial (1) strategies and guidelines.
- (2) Activate / ensure staffing of HR in EOCs for effective coordination and response.
- Establish a streamlined and efficient communication channel to ensure (3)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.
- Ensure enforcement / dissemination of mitigative / preparedness / (5) response guidelines to all concerned.
- (6)Ensure rapid damage and needs assessments follow major incidents.

d. **Federal Ministries / Departments**

- Ensuring interagency coordination and information sharing for monitoring (1) and handling emergencies.
- (2) Raise mass awareness through respective platforms relevant stakeholders about seasonal hazards.
- Ensure strict and proactive monitoring of the movement around/ in close (3)vicinity of nullahs and water channels to avert possibilities of drowning.
- 4. In case of any eventuality, twice-daily updates be shared with NDMA.
- 5. **Press Information Department Only.** With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.

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Press Release:

Date: 23rd May, 2025 Time: 11:30 PST

Duststorm/rain-thunder predicted in upper parts on 23rd(evening/night)/24th May

Met Office informed that moist currents are continuously penetrating upper and central parts of the country and a westerly wave is also likely to enter upper parts on 24th May. Under the influence of this weather system:

- Duststorm/Rain-thunder (with isolated hailstorm) is expected in Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Murree, Galliyat, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Mianwali, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahauddin, Sialkot, Narowal, Okara, Lahore, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Sheikhupura, Chitral, Dir, Swat, Malakand, Mansehra, Battagram, Shangla, Kohistan, Abbottabad, Haripur, Peshawar, Mardan, Swabi, Nowshera, Mohmand, Khyber, Orakzai, Kurram, Bannu, Lakki Marwat, Kohat, Karak and Waziristan from 23rd (evening/night) to 24th May.
- Rain/wind-thunderstorm is also expected in Zhob, Ziarat, Barkhan, Sargodha, Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, D G Khan, Rajanpur, Multan, Bhakkar, Layyah and D.I.Khan on 24th May.

Possible Impacts and advice:

- Prevailing heat wave conditions are likely to subside in upper parts during the forecast period.
- Wind/dust-thunderstorm/hailstorm and lightning may damage loose structures like electric poles, trees, vehicles and solar panels etc.
- Farmers are advised to manage their crop activities keeping in view the weather conditions.
- General Public is advised to take precautionary measures during the weather activity.

Note: All concerned authorities are advised to remain "ALERT" and take necessary measures to avoid any untoward situation.

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- 24 كى كەروز ژوب،زيارت، بار كھان، سر گودھا، فيصل آ باو، جھنگ، نوب فيك على ، ذى تى خان، راجن پور، ملتان، بحكر، ليداور ذى آئى خان مى جى آند ھى / بھنز اور كرن چىك كے ساتھ بارش كاركان۔

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