

No. F.2 (E)/2023-NDMA (TC Alert-VIII) Government of Pakistan Prime Minister's Office National Disaster Management Authority Islamabad



Dated: 10 June 2023

2230 hours

Subject: Tropical Cyclone "BIPARJOY" Formed Over East-Central Arabian Sea

Reference: NDMA's TC Advisory No. F.2 (E)/2023-NDMA (TC Alert I-VII) dated

6 - 10 June 2023.

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

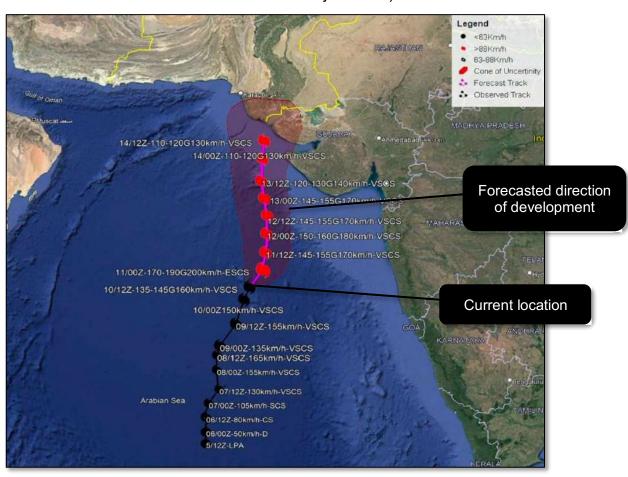
a. Location - Latitude 17.3°N & Longitude 67.4°E

b. Distance from Karachi - 840 km south of Karachi

c. Wind Speed - 130-140 km/h gusts, 150 km/h center

d. Forecasted direction - North-northeast (towards Southeast Sindh-

Indian Gujrat coast)



2. Favourable environmental conditions can intensify the system further into an **Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm** (ESCS) for at least the **next 24 hours**. Likely

development path based on international weather applications/ models are enclosed (as Annex B) for proactive preparations against likely impacts. It must be highlighted that this is an evolving situation and its impact will only be certain with further development of the system.

- 3. Possible impacts under the current forecast are as under:
 - a. Rain-thunderstorm with some very heavy falls & gusty winds (60-80 km/h) are expected in Southern / Southeastern Sindh (Karachi, Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparker & Mirpurkhas districts) from 13 June (evening/night) 2033 onwards.
 - b. Squally / high intensity winds may damage loose structures, *kacha* houses, under construction buildings, trees and hoardings / billboards.
 - Sea conditions may get very high / phenomenal with maximum wave height
 25 28 feet around the system center, accompanied by high tides along the coast.
 - d. There is possible risk of storm surge of 3 meters (8-10 feet) as cyclonic system progresses.
- 4. The guidelines for all concerned are reiterated as under:
 - a. Ensure **vigilant monitoring of the cyclone's development** and ensure **proactive coordination** through respective emergency operation centers.
 - b. Verify the functionality of **early warning systems** and ensure prompt dissemination of **timely and accurate information to at-risk communities**.
 - c. Utilize multiple communication channels, such as television, radio, social media, and SMS alerts, to effectively reach coastal communities.
 - d. Conduct extensive **awareness campaigns to educate the public** on the potential impacts of the cyclone, evacuation procedures, and safety measures.
 - e. Respective PDMA's/ DDMA's, **Rescue agencies** (Rescue 1122, Fire department, paramedics) and concerned departments may **identify high-risk** areas prone to storm surges, flooding and landslides, and **develop evacuation plans** accordingly.
 - f. 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**.
 - g. Advise individuals residing in unsecured mud ("kacha") houses to seek shelter in sturdier and more secure buildings for personal safety.
 - h. Advise fisherman to exercise appropriate caution while in coastal areas.

- i. Continuously update fishermen on weather conditions and discourage them from venturing into the open sea until the situation improves.
- j. Establish a reliable communication system to deliver real-time weather updates and guidance to fishing communities.
- k. Conduct mock exercises for at-risk communities to practice evacuation drills, and for disaster management responders to enhance their coordinated response capabilities.
- Respective PDMA's/DDMA's to develop contingency plans, including the identification of safe locations and provisioning of essential supplies like food, water, medical aid, and sanitation facilities.
- m. 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.
- n. Ensure the **availability of necessary equipment and resources** for rapid response and recovery operations, including road clearance and restoration of utility services.
- o. 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.
- 5. Three hourly updates on developing 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.
- 6. Forwarded for your further necessary action, please.

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Annex A

PMD Press Release – TC Alert 10



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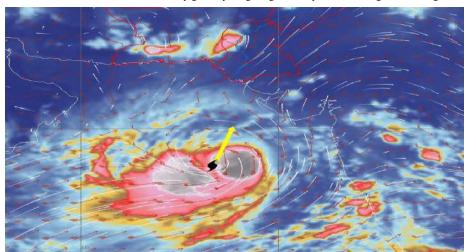
Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (BIPARJOY) over East-central Arabian Sea

The Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) "BIPARJOY" over eastcentral Arabian Sea maintaining its intensity further tracked north-northeastward during past 12 hours and now lies near Latitude 17.3°N & Longitude 67.4°E at a distance of about 840km south of Karachi, 830km south of Thatta & 930km southeast of Ormara. Maximum sustained surface winds are 130-140 Km/hour gusts 150 Km/hour around the system center and sea conditions being phenomenal around the system center with maximum wave height 25-28 feet. The favorable environmental conditions (sea surface temperature of 30-32°C, low vertical wind shear & upper-level divergence) can intensify the system further into an Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm (ESCS) for at least next 24 hours.

Under the existing upper-level steering winds, the VSCS "BIPARJOY" is most likely to track further in north-northeast direction towards Southeast Sindh-Indian Gujarat coast. PMD's cyclone warning center, Karachi is monitoring the system and will issue update accordingly.

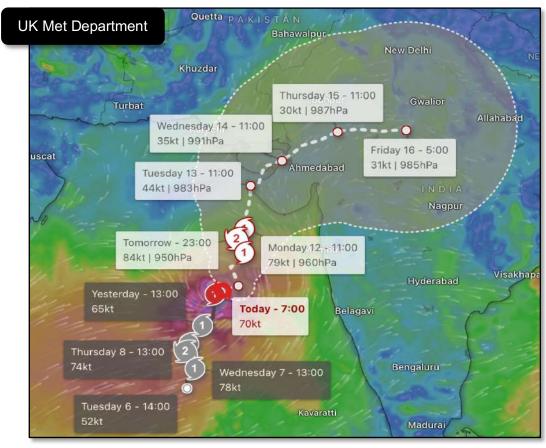
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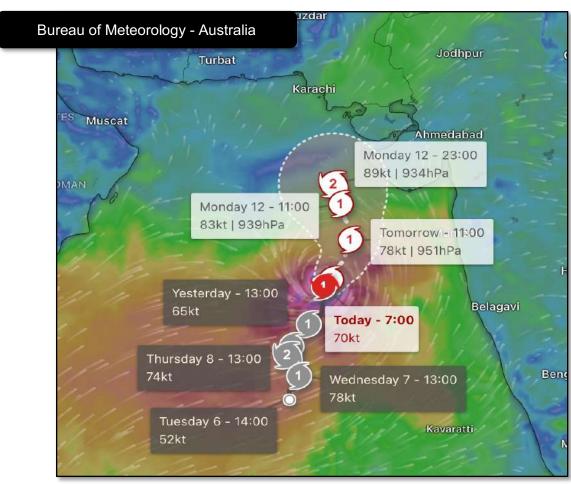
- With its probable north-northeast track, the rain-thunderstorm with some very heavy falls & squally
 winds (60-80 Km/hour) are expected in southern/ southeastern Sindh (Karachi, Thatta, Sujawal, Badin,
 Tharparker & Mirpurkhas districts) from 13 June evening/night onwards.
- Squally (high intensity) winds may cause damage to loose & vulnerable structures (Kutcha houses).
- Storm surge of 3 meters (8-10 feet) can be possible.
- Fishermen are advised not to venture in open sea from tomorrow, 11 June 2023 onwards till the system
 is over as the Arabian Sea conditions may get very rough/high accompanied with high tides along coast.



Satellite imagery. 10 June 2023, 2100PST

Forecasted Path of TC BIPARJOY By International Weather Models





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