



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



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Subject: Rain-Wind/Thunderstorm With Snowfall Over The Hills in Western & Upper Parts of Pakistan – 8 to 10 February 2023

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has informed that a westerly wave is likely to enter Pakistan and will affect western and upper parts of the country from the night of 8 February 2023, moving towards the upper parts where it may persist until 10 February 2023. Under the influence of this weather system, following is forecasted: -

- a. 8 (night) – 9 February 2023 (Wednesday and Thursday). Light to moderate rain-wind/thunderstorm with snowfall over the hills is expected in **Balochistan**: Quetta, Zhob, Barkhan, Harnai, Qila Saifullah, Qillah Abdullah, Chamman and Pishin regions.
  - b. 8 (night) – 10 February 2023 (Wednesday – Friday). Rain-wind/ thunderstorms (snowfall over the hills) with few moderate to isolated heavy falls are expected in: -
    - (1) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Galiyat, Chitral, Dir, Swat, Mansehra, Kohistan, Shangla, Buner, Haripur and Abbottabad.
    - (2) Gilgit-Baltistan. Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche, and Shigar.
    - (3) State of AJ&K. Neelum valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, and Mirpur.
    - (4) Punjab. Murree.
  - c. 9 – 10 (morning) February 2023 (Thursday and Friday). Rain-wind/ thunderstorm (with isolated hailstorm) is expected: -
    - (1) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Karak, Peshawar, Charsada, Nowshera, Swabi, Buner, Bajaur, Kurram, Waziristan, Kohat, Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan.
    - (2) Punjab. Pothohar region, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahauddin, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Faisalabad, Toba Tek Singh, Jhang, Kasur, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Khushab, Mianwali, and Sargodha.
    - (3) Islamabad Capital Territory
2. In light of the forecast shared by PMD, following region-specific impacts are expected. Therefore, all concerned stakeholders are to remain vigilant against possible hazards.
- a. Moderate to isolated heavy snowfall may disrupt and cause closure of roads in Murree, Galiyat, Naran, Kaghan, Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Shangla, Astore, Hunza, Skardu, Neelum valley, Bagh, Poonch and Haveli from 8th (evening/night) to 10th February.
  - b. Possibility of landslides in Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Galiyat, Murree, Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan cannot be ruled out during the forecast period.

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 mandate. However, following is to be ensured by all concerned in addition to measures deemed appropriate as per on ground situation / requirements: -

- a. Ensure widespread circulation of alerts and advisories, especially in local languages, to raise awareness and sensitize travellers / tourists and local communities in at-risk/ vulnerable areas.
- b. Ensure a pro-active approach by diverting traffic, providing alternate routes, imposing move / travel restrictions, to avert any situation of road closure with stranded people.
- c. 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 to prevent losses / damages and save precious lives.
- d. Engage local communities at traditionally / historically dangerous / hazard-prone sites to enable round the clock monitoring and establish feedback mechanism for early warnings and alerts for at-risk population.
- e. PDMA / DDMA to arrange and preplace necessary inventory and other essentials at strategic locations / vulnerable/ choke points in coordination with NH&MP / NHA / FWO, local C&W, Rescue 1122 and line departments.
- f. Ensure immediate stocking of basic commodities especially in regions that are likely to get cut-off during snowfall/ landslides.
- g. Ensure that tourists / visitors / travellers in at-risk / affected areas be apprised / forewarned about forecasted weather and road conditions in coordination with NH&MP / LEAs / NHA / FWO / C&W.
- h. Tourists / visitors / travellers to check PMD Weather Forecast for information on snowfall / rain and for road conditions/ landslides/ high flow in seasonal nullahs from control rooms, helplines, websites and social media platforms of NH&MP / NHA / FWO / DDMA / PDMA and C&W before undertaking journeys.
- i. Travellers on Provincial & National Highways in at-risk / affected areas be forewarned of adverse conditions and detoured to safe waiting areas under guidance of respective PDMAs, Local Authorities, National Highway & Motorway Police, LEAs etc.
- j. Ensure availability of emergency services personnel during the forecasted period.
- k. Medical resources including paramedics, equipment and medicine be deployed as per the vulnerability / risks identified in different regions to meet respective regional requirements.
- l. Ensure round the clock monitoring of situation through EOCs with regular feedback to PEOCs and NEOC.
- m. In case of any eventuality, twice daily / routine updates to be shared with NDMA.

3. **Press Information Department Only**. With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.

4. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.



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