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F.2 (E)/2026-NDMA (MW/GLOF Alert)
Government of Pakistan
Prime Minister's Office
National Disaster Management Authority
Near ITP Office, Main Murree Road ISLAMABAD



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Subject: **GLOF Alert**

Over the past few days, temperatures over the **Northern mountainous** regions remained above normal. In addition, the expected widespread weather spell from **10th to 12th March 2026** in the whole **Gilgit Baltistan (GB)** and **upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)** there is an increased risk of **Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF), Flash floods, and landslide** in these areas and the surrounding regions, particularly near glacier terminus. Local communities are advised to remain vigilant, while concerned authorities are requested to take precautionary measures to safeguard lives and infrastructure.

2. In light of prevailing situation all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PIDs / PDMA KP/ GBDMA, District Administrations / DDMA and Municipal Administrations are advised to ensure following: -

- a. PDMA KP / GBDMA / Respective DDMA to **undertake proactive monitoring and surveillance** of **vulnerable GLOF Sites** in order to **ensure timely early warning, evacuation and response**.
- b. DDMA to conduct **evacuation drills** in **at-risk communities** in order to **ensure full preparedness**.
- c. All civic agencies / rescue services (Rescue 1122 / Fire Brigade / Ambulance / Civil Defence) to **remain alert and ensure availability of personnel and equipment** during the forecasted period.
- d. **Mass awareness campaign for general public** on GLOFs in at risk areas covering following aspects: -
 - (1) Avoid **unnecessary movement** in such areas, especially the discharge nullahs / streams and rivers.
 - (2) Risk, consequences and danger of **washing away of vehicles** in fast-flowing water channels.
 - (3) **Alerting general masses living in low-lying areas** to exercise extra caution including community-based alert system.

- (4) **Evacuation plan** of at-risk community and its timely evacuation.
- e. LEAs / Traffic Police **advise travelers regarding likely situations** / dangers and safety measures.
 - f. NH&MP and Traffic Police to **coordinate** with **Law Enforcement Agencies** to **manage** and **redirect traffic** from affected areas to safer areas, to prevent congestion and facilitate emergency response efforts.
 - g. PDMA KP / GBDMA / Respective DDMA to ensure that **safe evacuation sites** are **fully stocked and ready for utilization** in case of any eventuality.
 - h. Preplace **necessary emergency equipment** at vulnerable / strategic locations to **expedite response efforts** and complete stocking / replenishment of stocks.
 - i. Coordinate with concerned departments (NHA, FWO and C&W) for **restoration of roads** in case of any blockage / obstruction / closures and **preplacing** of **necessary emergency equipment** at vulnerable / strategic locations.
 - j. Local Administration / Police / Rescue Services to **alert population residing in low lying areas**.
 - k. Ensure **round the clock monitoring mechanism** / arrangements through **all possible means / resources**, especially involving the local communities for immediate dissemination of early warnings.
 - l. In case of heightened risk, **controlled breaching** of vulnerable **GLOF sites** may be coordinated with the concerned departments, to prevent **sudden outburst** events.
 - m. **Tourists** are advised to **avoid trekking** in **glacier-prone areas**, refrain from taking **pictures** or **videos near glaciers**, and strictly avoid going **close** to **glacier sites** to prevent any **untoward eventuality**.
 - n. In-case of any eventuality, routine updates will be shared with NDMA.
3. **Press Information Department (PID) Only**. With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
4. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.



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