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Prime Minister's Office
National Disaster Management Authority
ISLAMABAD



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Subject: **Wind-Dust/ Thunderstorm-Rain is Expected in Upper and Central Parts of the Country with Temperatures Remaining Normal to Below Normal (28 - 31 May 2023)**

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecasted (**Annex-A**) that a westerly wave is likely to enter western and upper parts of the country on 28 May and will likely persist until 31 May 2023. Under the influence of this weather system, following is forecasted: -

- a. **28 (evening/ night) to 30 May.** Wind-dust/thunderstorm and rain is expected in the following regions: -
 - (1) **Punjab.** Layyah, Bhakkar, D.G Khan, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalnagar, Multan, Sahiwal, Khanewal, Okara and Pakpattan.
 - (2) **Balochistan.** Quetta, Zhob, Barkhan, Qilla Saifullah, Qillah Abdullah, Chaman, Pishin, Noshki, Naseerabad, Kalat, Lasbella, Khuzdar and Sibbi.
 - (3) **Sindh.** Sukkur, Dadu, Karachi, Hyderabad, Jacobabad, Shaheed Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas, Khairpur and Larkana.
- b. **28 (evening/ night) to 31 May.** Wind-dust/thunderstorm, rain, few hailstorms and isolated heavy walls with occasional gaps are expected in the following regions: -
 - (1) **AJ&K.** Neelum Valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber and Mirpur.
 - (2) **Gilgit-Baltistan.** Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche and Shigar.
 - (3) **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.** Chitral, Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Peshawar, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi, Mardan, Bajaur, Kurram, Waziristan, Kohat, Bannu, Tank, Karak and Dera Ismail Khan.
 - (4) **Punjab.** Murree, Galliyat, Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Sheikhupura, Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Nankana, Mandi Bahauddin, Khushab, Mianwali, Narowal, Sialkot, Kasur, Lahore and Jhelum.
 - (5) **Islamabad Capital Territory.** Urban and rural areas.

2. In light of the forecast shared by PMD, following impacts are forecasted: -
 - a. Dust/ windstorm may cause damage to loose structures such as under construction buildings, hoardings and tall trees etc.
 - b. Strong winds may cause damage to standing crops.
 - c. Heavy rainfall may cause landslides/avalanches and disrupt traffic flow.
 - d. Heavy hailstorms/ thunderstorms can endanger lives (human & livestock) and property.

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 mandates. However, following is to be ensured by all concerned in addition to measures deemed appropriate as per on ground situation/ requirements: -
 - a. 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. Local administration to also secure loose infrastructure such as buildings under constructions and advertisement hoardings etc. to prevent losses/ damages and save precious lives.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Coordinate with relevant district and municipal administrations to ensure mitigation & preparedness measures for landslides/ flash flooding/ hill torrents and to secure or remove billboards/ hoardings in view of thunderstorms/ high winds/ hailstorms.
 - d. Farmers to be advised to take all necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to safeguard their crops, i.e. timely harvesting, safe storage or any other precaution from adverse effects of dust-wind-thunderstorms/ hailstorms.
 - e. Cattle/ sheep herders to be advised to undertake necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to protect their livestock, i.e. safe sheltering or any other precaution from adverse effects of dust-wind-thunderstorms / hailstorm.
 - f. Travelers 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.
 - g. General public is advised to seek shelter in safe areas such as sturdy buildings or underground structures during dust-wind-hail/thunderstorms and avoid objects that pose a risk of falling or being struck by lightning.

- h. Ensure availability of emergency services personnel during the forecasted period.
 - i. PDMA/ DDMA's 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.
 - j. In light of possible high flows in seasonal nullahs, LEAs are to ensure regulation of level crossing points and diversion of traffic in coordination with local administration.
 - k. Ensure immediate stocking of basic commodities including paramedics & medicine especially in regions that are likely to get cut-off during landslides/ avalanches.
 - l. Ensure widespread circulation of alerts and advisories, especially in local languages, to raise awareness and sensitize travelers/ tourists and local communities in at-risk/ vulnerable areas.
 - m. Ensure round the clock monitoring of situation through EOCs with regular feedback to PEOCs and NEOC.
 - n. In case of any eventuality, twice daily / routine updates to be shared with NDMA.
4. **Press Information Department Only.** With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
5. Forwarded for information/ necessary action, please.



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