



IMMEDIATE
CYCLONE WATCH -8
BY FAX/ E-MAIL
2100 HOURS

The Deputy Commissioner (s)/ Chairman
District Disaster Management Authority

Karachi East /West/ South/ Central / Malir/ Korangi
Thatta / Badin/ Sujawa/ Tharparkar.

Attention: Commissioner Karachi Division.
Commissioner Hyderabad Division.
Commissioner Mirpurkhas Division.
Administrator Karachi.

Subject: **TROPICAL CYCLONE 04 A (NILOFAR) IN ARABIAN SEA**

Pakistan Meteorological Department has issued a Cyclone Advisory-8 dated 30th October, 2014, 1800 PST hours relating to Tropical Cyclone Formation named "NILOFAR" in Arabian Sea, which is reproduced as under:

"Severe Tropical Cyclone (Nilofar) in Arabian Sea has weakened rapidly and converted into a "Cyclonic Storm" and now located at Lat. 20.4°N and Long. 64.6°E, about 560 km in southwest of Karachi. The Cyclonic Storm would continue to move north-eastward with a speed of 12 km/hour in next 24 hours. At present the estimated central pressure of Cyclonic Storm is 996 hpa and the average sustained wind speed around is 45-50 Knots gusting up to 55 Knots. The Cyclonic Storm is likely to further weaken into a Depression over the water in Northeast Arabian Sea near the coast of Lower Sindh (Thattah) and Indian Gujrat on Friday evening/night.

Under the influence of this Cyclonic Storm, widespread rain/thundershowers with isolated heavy falls accompanied by strong gusty winds are expected in Lower Sindh and the adjoining coast of Lasbella from tonight till Saturday. The sea conditions along Pakistan coast are likely to remain rough to very rough on Friday/Saturday. The fishermen of Sindh and Balochistan are advised not to venture in the sea on Friday/Saturday".

2. In the view of above, I am directed to request you that all pre – emptive preparedness measure including issuance of early warning , preparations for evacuation (if required) of vulnerable communities specially in coastal areas, mobilization of resources and all the equipment / manpower be kept on high alert and ready to respond quickly to any situation. Communities residing in low laying area prone to inundation due to excessive rainfall or high wind may be evacuated to safer and higher elevations places as decided in

the meeting held at PDMA on 28th October 2014. It may also be ensured that the **District Emergency Operation Centers** shall be operationalized round a clock.

3. The following authorities are requested to take action as mentioned below:
- i. **Home Department:** To deploy appropriate police force to assist the district administration for evacuation operations, vigilance and patrolling of coastal areas.
 - ii. **Local Government Department:** To request to instruct TMAs to ensure preparedness and response measures are in place, including cleaning of the nalla's for smooth drainage of rain water and also removal of loose structures, tall mounted billboards and hoardings which may fall due to high winds. The staff is to be kept on high alert.
 - iii. **Health Department:** To kindly ensure that Government hospitals are put on high alert with sufficient stock of medicines & related supplies.
 - iv. **K Electric/HESCO:** Ensure uninterrupted power supply to pumping stations for drainage of rain water. Secure electric transmission lines in case of high winds. Ensure prompt action to avoid electrocution due to fallen electric wires.
 - v. **KWSB/ WASA (Hyd):** Ensure drainage of water from the low lying areas of the city
 - vi. **DHA/ Cantonments Board (Coastal Area):** Removal of loose structures, billboards, hoardings, and drainage of rain water through the nallahs, etc.
 - vii. **TMAs:** To ensure that all the drainage/ nallahs have been cleaned to facilitate smooth and quick drainage of water.
 - viii. **KBCA:** To take timely necessary preemptive action with reference to old/dangerous building structures prone to structural collapse

4. For their own safety, the fishermen be directed not venture in open sea as it may get rough resulting in difficulty for them to return back. Fishermen already in open seas be ensured to be back at the shores as soon as possible.

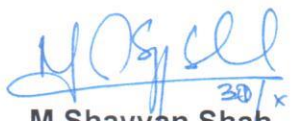
5. The progress / necessary measures taken by District Disaster Management Authorities and any assistance needed by the districts may please be coordinated with PDMA on telephone numbers mentioned below.

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| PEOC: | 021-99251458 | 021-99239524 |
| PDMA Ops Wing: | 0300-8281311, | 0333-2261561, |
| | 0300-9371186 | 0345-8822643 |

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| Fax: | 021-99251463 |
| Email: | <u>8281311@gmail.com, mshayyanshah@hotmail.com,</u> <u>ad_pdma@yahoo.com</u> |

6. Kindly acknowledge receipt via return fax on **021-99251463**

7. This issues with the approval of Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Sindh.


M. Shayan Shah
Deputy Director (Operations)

Copy for kind information and necessary directives:

1. The Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
2. The Relief Commissioner, Board of Revenue Sindh, Karachi.
3. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi
4. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sindh, Karachi
5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Rehabilitation Department, Karachi
6. The Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Sindh, Karachi.
7. The Director General, Sindh Rangers, Karachi.
8. The Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Karachi
9. The Staff Officer to Chairman National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
10. The PS to Minister for Rehabilitation and Disaster Management, GoS, Karachi.

Copy for necessary action as mentioned above to:

1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Home Department, Karachi is requested for action as mentioned at Para 3 (i).
2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Local Government Department, Karachi is requested for action as mentioned at Para 3 (ii).
3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department, Karachi is requested for action as mentioned at Para 3 (iii).
4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Livestock & Fisheries Department, Karachi is requested for action as mentioned at Para 4.
5. The Administrator, DHA, Karachi is requested for action as mentioned at Para 3 (vi).
6. The Cantonment Executive Officer (Coastal area), Karachi is requested for action as mentioned at Para 3 (VI).
7. The CEO, K-Electric, Karachi is requested for action as mentioned at Para 3 (IV).
8. The CEO, HESCO, Hyderabad is requested for action as mentioned at para 3 (iv).Page: 4 of 4
9. The Managing Director K.W.S.B/ WASA is requested for action as mentioned at Para 3 (v).
10. The HQs5 Corps, Karachi for necessary action and coordination Please.
11. The HQs COMKAR, Karachi for necessary action and coordination please.
12. The HQs COMCOAST, Karachi for necessary action and coordination please.
13. The HQs Southern Air Command, Karachi for necessary action and Coordination, please.
14. PRCS w.r.t. their letter No. PRC(S) ERT/1704/14 dated 28-10-2014 for necessary coordination please.
15. The Deputy Director, PDMA Regional Directorate, Hyderabad for extensive coordination with all the coastal districts of Sindh and allied agencies