



No. PDMA (S)/ Ops / 7 (5)/14 /1060
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Karachi Dated: 28th October, 2014.

IMMEDIATE
CYCLONE WATCH – 4
BY FAX/ E-MAIL
2300 HOURS

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

Karachi East /West/ South/ Central / Malir/ Korangi
Thatta / Badin/ Sujawal / Tharparkar

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

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

Pakistan Meteorological Department has issued a Cyclone Advisory-5 dated 28th October, 2014 1800 hours relating to Tropical Cyclone formation named "NILOFAR" in Arabian Sea, which is reproduced as under:

"Very Severe Tropical Cyclone (Nilofar) in Arabian Sea is now located at Lat. 16.0°N and Long. 61.6°E, about 1120 km in southwest of Karachi and 1010 Km south of Gawadar. The Cyclone is likely to move northward in next 24 hours with a speed of 05 Km/hour. This Tropical Cyclone would re-curve northeastwards (towards adjoining coastal areas of Lower Sindh and Indian Gujrat) on Wednesday. At present the estimated central pressure of Cyclone is 990 hpa and the average sustained wind speed around is 90-100 gusting up to 110 Knots.

Under the influence of this Cyclone, widespread rain/thundershowers with isolated heavy/very heavy falls accompanied by strong gusty winds are expected in Lower Sindh including Karachi and Coastal Areas of Balochistan during Wednesday (night) to Friday.

The sea conditions along Pakistan coast have become rough and likely to become very rough from tomorrow. The fishermen of Sindh and Balochistan are advised not to venture in open sea from Wednesday to Friday."

2. In view of above, it is requested that all pre-emptive preparedness measures including issuance of early warning, preparation for evacuation (if required) of vulnerable communities specially in the 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 lying areas prone to inundation due to excessive

rainfall or high winds may be evacuated to safer and higher elevation places as decided in the meeting held at PDMA on 28th October 2014. It may also be ensured that the District Emergency Operations Centers shall be operationalized round the 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 administrations concerned for, vigilance and patrolling evacuation operations of coastal areas.
 - ii. **Local Government Department:** To ensure that preparedness and response measures are in place, including cleaning of the nallahs for smooth drainage of rain water/storm drainage and also removal of loose structures, tall mounted billboards and hoardings which may fall due to high winds. The concerned staff is to be kept on high alert and prepared.
 - iii. **Health Department:** To ensure that Government hospitals are put on high alert with sufficient stock of medicines & related supplies.
 - iv. **K-Electric/HESCO:** To ensure uninterrupted power supply to pumping stations for drainage of storm/rain water and to secure electric transmission lines in case of high winds. These agencies are also directed to ensure prompt action to fallen electric wires to avoid electrocution.
 - v. **KWSB/WASA(Hyd):** To ensure drainage of water from the low lying areas of the cities concerned.
 - vi. **DHA/Cantonments Board (Coastal Area):** Removal of loose structures, billboards, hoardings, and drainage of rain water through the nallahs, etc.
 - vii. **SBCA:** To take timely necessary preemptive action with reference to old/dangerous building structures prone to structural collapse.
 - viii. **Sindh Coastal Development Authority:** To ensure that residents of coastal belt/living in huts are evacuated as and when directed to safer and higher grounds. SCDA may also ensure dissemination of warning messages to the communities in timely manner.

4. For their own safety, the fishermen be directed not to 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:

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

Fax:	021-99251463
Email:	8281311@gmail.com , mshayyanshah@hotmail.com , ad_pdma@yahoo.com

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

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



AKHLAQUE A. QURESHI
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).
9. The Managing Director K.W.S.B/ WASA is requested for action as mentioned at para 3 (v).
10. The HQs 5 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 27-10-2014 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.