

No. PDMA(S)/7(78)/15/3306 PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT



GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

PLOT NO. 26-C, MAIN KHAYABAN-E-JAMI, DHA PHASE-VII, KARACHI Phone: 021-99332003-5, Fax: 021-99332007

MOST URGENT BY FAX/WHATSAPP Date: 15th June, 2023 Time: 1930 PST

Alert-XXVI (Warning #13 for Southeast Sindh-Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparkar, Umerkot & Mirpurkhas)

To,

The Deputy Commissioner(s)/Chairman DDMA(s)

Karachi Central, East, Keamari, Korangi, Malir, South, West, Hyderabad, Jamshoro, Matiari, Badin, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allahyar, Thatta, Sujawal, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar, Umerkot districts

<u>VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (BIPARJOY) OVER NORTHEAST ARABIAN SEA STARTED LAND FALLING</u>

Pakistan Meteorological Department has informed that the Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) "BIPARJOY" over Northeast Arabian Sea has moved further east-northeastward during last 03 hours, now lies near Latitude 22.9°N & Longitude 68.2°E at a distance of about 245 km south of Karachi, 200 km south Thatta and 150 km south of Keti Bandar. The landfall process of VSCS (Biparjoy) commenced along the Indian Gujrat coast and Pakistan-India boarder and will get complete by midnight. Maximum sustained surface winds are 100-120 Km/hour gusts 140 Km/hour around the system center and sea conditions being rough/phenomenal with maximum wave height 20-25 feet.

Possible Impacts:

Under its influence:

- Widespread rain-thunderstorm with some very heavy/extremely heavy falls accompanied with squally winds of 100-120Km/hour gusting 140km/hour likely in Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparker, Mirpurkhas & Umerkot districts from today to 17 June.
- Dust/thunderstorm-rain with a few heavy falls & accompanied with squally winds of 40-60 Km/hour likely in Karachi, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allayar, Shaheed Benazirabad & Sanghar districts on today and tomorrow.
- Squally (high intensity) winds may cause damage to loose & vulnerable structures (Kutcha houses) including solar panels etc.
- Storm surge of 3-4 meters (10-12 feet) expected at the land falling point (Keti Bandar and around) which can inundate the low-lying settlements.
- Sea conditions along Sindh coast may get very rough/ high (2-2.5 meter) and rough/ very rough (2 meter).
- Fishermen are advised not to venture in open sea till the system is over by 17 June.



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Keeping in view above, it is recommended that concerned Deputy Commissioners/ Chairman DDMAs and other relevant authorities/ stakeholders may take all necessary mitigation measures. including:

- i. Ensure vigilant monitoring of the cyclone and establish proactive coordination with Provincial Emergency Operation Center (PEOC).
- ii. Ensure arrangement of rescue Boats and transport for evacuation of population from offshore Islands/low lying/Creek areas
- iii. Ensure arrangement for removal of fallen trees, wires and other loose objects.
- iv. Evacuate residents from old buildings/weak residential structures/kutcha/mud houses.
- v. Conduct public awareness campaigns about the cyclone's probable effects, evacuation methods, and safety precautions through all means of communication i.e. Radio, TV, Newspaper and Social Media.
- vi. Identify high-risk areas prone to storm surges, flooding and prepare evacuation plans accordingly.
- vii. Evacuate residents from vulnerable coastal locations.
- viii. Cleaning of internal nullahs, drains and choke points.
- ix. Ensure functionality of pumping stations.
- x. All bill boards in the respective towns/cities shall be removed.
- xi. The Sindh Building Control Authority shall advise owners of under construction structures/ weak structured buildings to take precautions to ensure that no debris or building fall on people during the predicted tropical cyclone.
- xii. DDMA's to place de-watering machines and generators across the vulnerable points as needed.
- xiii. Execute Contingency plans that include the identification of safe areas/ identification of relief camps, & provision of required equipment, and relief supplies such as NFIs, and food, water, medical aid, and sanitation facilities (at relief camps).
- xiv. People may be advised not to park their vehicles near weak structures.
- xv. Keep fishermen informed of the weather conditions and advise them not to venture into open sea until the situation improves.
- xvi. Coordinate with concerned Provincial/Federal departments/divisions respectively, including the National Highway Authority (NHA), Frontier Works Organization (FWO), Works and Services Department and Irrigation Department to analyze and plan for any potential harm to roads, bridges, and other vital infrastructure.
- xvii. Ensure that the tools and materials needed for quick response and recovery operations, such as clearing roads and resuming utility services, are readily available.
- xviii. Ensure coordination with Rescue 1122 Authorities.

for ASSITANT DIRECTOR (OPS-II)



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A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- 1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department, Karachi.
- 2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Irrigation Department, Karachi.
- 3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Information and Archives Department, Karachi (With a request for wide publicity through the electronic & print media).
- 4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Environment, Climate Change & Coastal Development Department, Karachi.
- 5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, (GA) SGA&CD, Karachi.
- 6. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Works and Services Departments Karachi.
- 7. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Food Department Karachi.
- 8. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Agriculture Department Karachi.
- 9. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Livestock & Fisheries Department, Karachi
- 10. The Administrator, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Karachi.
- 11. The Administrator, Defense Housing Authority, Karachi.
- 12. The Commissioner (s) Karachi and Hyderabad.
- 13. The Director General, Coastal Development Authority, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
- 14. The Director General, Pakistan Maritime Security Agency, Karachi.
- 15. The Director General, Sindh Building Control Authority, Karachi.
- 16. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
- 17. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
- 18. The Chief Executive Officer Sindh Integrated Emergency and Health Services, Karachi
- 19. The Chief Executive Officer, Cantonment Board Clifton, Karachi.
- 20. The Chief Executive, Edhi Foundation, Al Mustafa Welfare Trust, Alamgir Welfare Trust, Alkhidmat Foundation, Khidmat-e-Khalq Foundation, Pakistan Red Crescent Sindh, Chhipa Welfare Organization.
- 21. The Head of Office, Pakistan FisherFolk Forum, Karachi.
- 22. The Director (Response), National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
- 23. The Director Rescue, 1122/ Central Command & Control, Karachi.
- 24. The Head Quarters ComCoast Karachi.
- 25. The Head Quarters, 5 Corps, Karachi.
- 26. The Head Quarters ComKar, Pak Navy, Karachi.
- 27. The PS to Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh, for Relief & Rehabilitation, Karachi.
- 28. The PS to Secretary to Government Sindh, Rehabilitation Department, Karachi.
- 29. The PS to Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Sindh, Karachi.

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