

No. PDMA(S)/7(78)/15/365 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 **Dated: 18th July, 2022**

WEATHER ADVISORY

Subject <u>DEPRESSION OVER THE NORTHEAST ARABIAN SEA TO CAUSE ISOLATED</u> HEAVY FALLS

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has issued a press release dated 18th July, 2022, that, the, **Depression** over Northeast Arabian Sea further moved nearly westward during last 12 hours, **weakened** this morning into a **well-marked low-pressure** area (WML) and now lies over central parts of North Arabian Sea, **southwest of Karachi**. Maximum sustained surface wind is 40-50 km/hour around the system centre. The system is likely **to weaken further into a low-pressure area and move westward (towards Oman coast).**

Under its influence, rain-thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls are likely in Karachi division, Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Thaparker, Umerkot, Sanghar, Tando Muhammad Khan (TMK), Tando Allayar (TAY), Dadu and Jamshoro districts of Sindh today.

POSSIBLE IMPACTS:

- Windstorm may damage the loose & vulnerable structures.
- Sea conditions may become very Rough duting the **Forecast period.**
- Fishermen are advised, not to venture in open sea during the **Forecast period.**

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

- Deputy Commissioners of the coastal districts to ensure that fishermen do not venture into open sea in the forecast period.
- Coordinate with all authorities to ensure smooth flow of storm water drains in Urban areas.
- Ensure coordination with all relevant authorities of Balochistan for information sharing about flows of Nullahs in adjoining areas of Balochistan and monitor their water level constantly, due to which flash flooding may occur in the adjoining districts of Sindh.
- Ensure early warning mechanism for evacuation of vulnerable population in areas/districts in case of flash flooding.
- Ensure availability of dewatering machines and the staff during rainfall.



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- Improve coordination with emergency services, also with various line departments.
- Establishment of helpline Cell number to address needs of affected people at priority basis.
- Ensure provision of water and necessary emergency medicines to the general public during emergency.
- Stockpile necessary emergency relief/ medicine stores especially in affected areas.
- Ensure availability of uninterrupted power supply through intimate coordination with concerned line departments and provision / availability of standby generators for hospitals.
- Emergency services and ambulances with trained paramedics to remain available round the clock.
- Emergency Services / Fire Brigades to remain alert for possible fire incidents and ensure preventive measures against fires due to electrification, where possible.
- Coordinate with concerned departments (NHA, NH&MP and FWO) for issuing necessary alerts to travelers, especially over long distances to take precaution and avoid over exposure to rainfall.

FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

- Wear protective clothing and seek indoor shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors during heavy rain and strong winds.
- Avoid roadway underpasses, drainage ditches, low-lying areas and areas where water collects there can be unexpectedly flood or overflow.
- Avoid driving in heavy rain due to poor visibility.
- Travelers and tourists are advised to remain extra cautious during the forecast period.

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A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- 1. The Secretary to Chief Minister, Chief Minister's House/ Secretariat, Karachi.
- 2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Local Government Department, Karachi.
- 3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department, Karachi.
- 4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh. Agriculture Department, Karachi.
- 5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Information Department, Karachi (With a request for wide publicity through the electronic & print media).
- 6. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Livestock Department, Karachi
- 7. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Forest Department, Karachi
- 8. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Environment, Climate Change & Coastal Development Department, Karachi
- 9. The Commissioner (s) (all in Sindh).
- 10. The Director General, Sindh Building Control Authority, Karachi.



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- 11. The Director General, Sindh Coastal Development Authority, Karachi.
- 12. The Director General Climate Change, Directorate of Climate Change Sindh, Karachi.
- 13. The Managing Director, Karachi Water and Sewerage Board.
- 14. The Managing Director, Sindh Tourism Development Corporation, Karachi.
- 15. The Deputy Controller, Directorate of Tourist Services, Karachi.
- 16. The Deputy Commissioner (s) / Chairmen DDMAs (all in Sindh).
- 17. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
- 18. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
- 19. The Director (Response), National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
- 20. The Head Quarters ComCoast Karachi.
- 21. The Head Quarters ComKar, Karachi
- 22. The Head Quarters, 5 Corps, Karachi.
- 23. The Chief Executive Officer, HESCO/SEPCO/K-Electric (with a request to ensure availability of uninterrupted power supply to the Essential Services Department and Hospitals).
- 24. The Chief Executive, Edhi Foundation, Al Mustafa Welafre Trust, Alarngir Welfare Trust, Khidmate-Khaliq Foundation, Paksitan Red Crescent Sindh, Chhipa Welafre Organization
- 25. The Staff Officer to Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
- 26. The PS to Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh, for Relief & Rehabilitation, Karachi.
- 27. The PS to Secretary to Government Sindh, Rehabilitation Department, Karachi.
- 28. The PS to Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Sindh, Karachi.