

No. PDMA(S)/7(78)/15/359 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

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WEATHER WARNING

Subject MONSOON CURRENTS APPROACHING SINDH PROVINCE WHICH WILL CAUSE RAIN-THUNDERSTORM IN MOST OF THE PROVINCE

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has just informed vide a Weather Advisory, dated 16th July, 2022, that, currently there are two low pressure areas around Sindh, one in southeast of **Karachi-Thatta** and one over **Rajasthan** which have produced heavy/very heavy spells in **Umerkot** yesterday and **Nawabshah**, **Noushero Feroz** districts today with moderate rains elsewhere in interior Sindh. At the moment **Dadu**, **Sehwan**, **Moro**, **Kirthar national park area** and their suburbs are in grip of rainy spell. So, in this scenario, **heavy/very heavy rainfall** is very likely in **Dadu**, **Kambar Shahdadkot** districts.

POSSIBLE IMPACTS:

- Heavy falls may generate urban flooding/water logging in low lying areas of the province.
- Water Stress will further ease.
- Persistent heavy spell may trigger hill torrents/flash flooding along and downstream Kirthar range.
- Windstorm may damage the loose & vulnerable structures including sign boards, trees etc.
- Sea conditions may become Rough/Very Rough. Fishermen are advised to take extra care during the 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:

- Devise a plan for the evacuation of vulnerable population from the surrounding area of Kirthar Range in case of torrents/ flash flooding along and downstream of the said Range.
- Ensure early warning mechanism for evacuation of vulnerable population in areas/districts adjoining to Balochistan in case of flash flooding.
- Ensure coordination with relevant authorities of Balochistan for information sharing about East Balochistan Nullahs and monitor their water level constantly, due to which flash flooding may occur in western districts of Sindh.
- 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.