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**PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**  
**REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT**  
**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**  
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**MOST URGENT**  
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**Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**WEATHER HIGH ALERT**

**Subject** **DEPRESSION OVER THE NORTHEAST ARABIAN SEA**

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has just informed vide a Press Release, dated 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, that, **low-pressure area (LPA)** persisting over the **Northeast Arabian Sea** and adjoin **Gulf of Kutch** has intensified into a **Depression (Intense Low-Pressure Area)** with maximum **wind speed of 50-55 km/hour**. The system is located around **Latitude 21.8N & Longitude 69.0E**, at a distance of about **400km southeast of Karachi** and **340km from Thatta**. This weather system is likely to move in northwest direction during next 36-48 hours and the move westwards towards Oman coast.

Under the influence of this system, **widespread wind-thunderstorms/rain-showers with scattered heavy/very heavy falls, extremely heavy at times**, are likely in **Karachi, Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Thaparker, Umerkot, Sanghar, Shaheed Benazirabad, Nosheroferoz, Tando Muhammad Khan (TMK), Tando Allayar (TAY), Dadu, Jamshoro, Sukkur, Larkana, Jacobabad, Shikarpur and Ghotki** districts of Sindh from **today to 18 July**.

**POSSIBLE IMPACTS:**

- Very heavy/extremely heavy rains may generate urban flooding in **Karachi, Badin, Thatta, Hyderabad, Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Shaheed Benazirabad, T.M. Khan Tando Allayar**.
- Water Stress will further ease.
- Windstorm may damage the loose & vulnerable structures including sign boards, trees etc.
- Sea conditions may become Rough/Very Rough for the **next 3 days**. Fishermen of Sindh, are advised to take extra care during the period.

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

- 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.
- Improve coordination with emergency services, also with various line departments.
- Establishment of helpline Cell number to address needs of affected people at priority basis.



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- 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.

  
**(SYED GHULAM MUHAMMAD MEHDI)**  
**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS-II)**

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.
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.



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14. The Managing Director, Sindh Tourism Development Corporation, Karachi.
15. The Deputy Controller, Directorate of Tourist Services, Karachi.
16. The Deputy Commissioner (s) / Chairmen DDMA's (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 Welfare Trust, Alamgir Welfare Trust, Khidmate-Khaliq Foundation, Paksitan Red Crescent Sindh, Chhipa Welfare 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.