



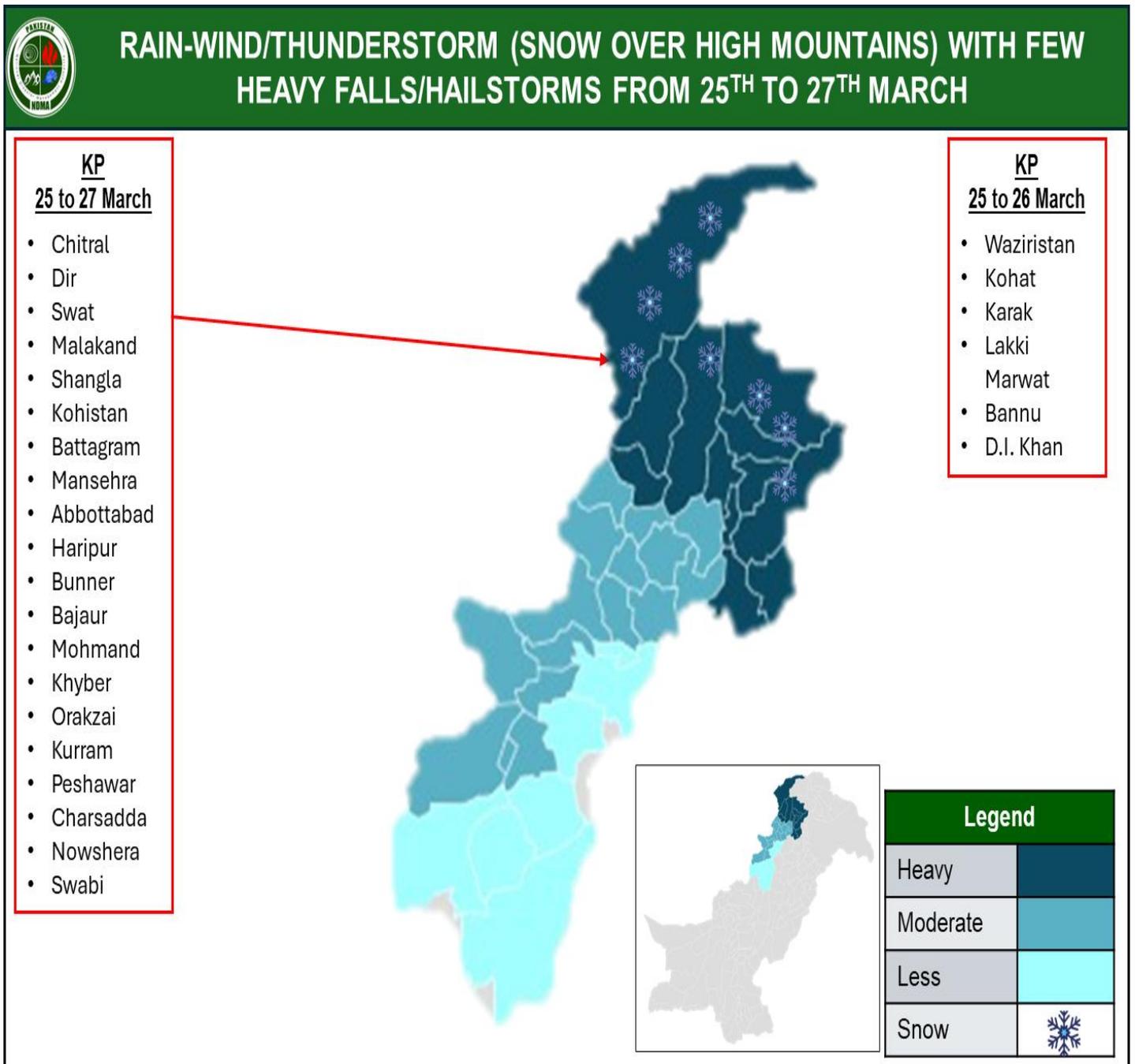
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Subject: **RAIN-WIND/ THUNDERSTORM (WITH FEW HAILSTORM / SNOWFALL OVER HIGH MOUNTAINS) IS EXPECTED FROM 25TH TO 27TH MARCH 2025**

A **strong Westerly wave** is likely to approach **Western / Upper Parts** of the country on **24th March (night)** and affect **Upper** and **Central parts** from **25th to 27th March 2025**. Under the said **weather system** following are the likely **impacted areas**: -





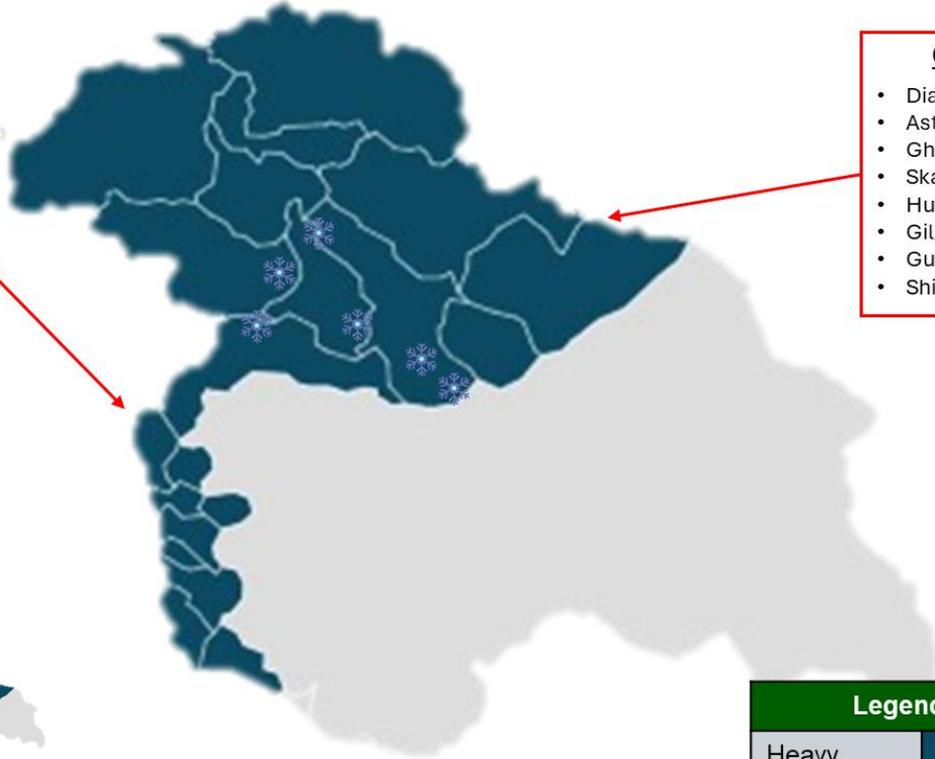
WIDESPREAD RAIN-WIND/THUNDERSTORM (SNOW OVER MOUNTAINS) WITH FEW HEAVY FALLS FROM 25TH TO 27TH MARCH

AJ&K

- Neelum valley
- Muzaffarabad
- Rawalakot
- Poonch
- Hattian
- Bagh
- Haveli
- Sudhanoti
- Kotli
- Bhimber
- Mirpur

GB

- Diamir
- Astore
- Ghizer
- Skardu
- Hunza
- Gilgit
- Guanache
- Shigar



Legend

Heavy	
Moderate	
Less	
Snow	



RAIN-WIND/THUNDERSTORM WITH FEW HAILSTORMS IS EXPECTED FROM 25TH TO 27TH MARCH WITH OCCASIONAL GAPS

Punjab 25 to 27 Mar

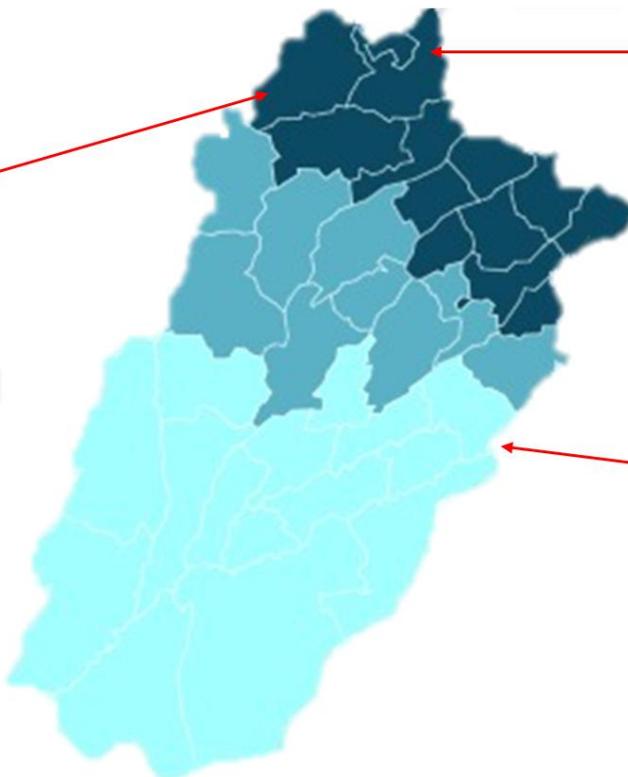
- Murree
- Galliyat
- Rawalpindi
- Attock
- Chakwal
- Jhelum
- Hafizabad
- Gujranwala
- Mandi Bahauddin
- Gujrat, Sialkot
- Narowal
- Lahore
- Sheikhupura
- Faisalabad

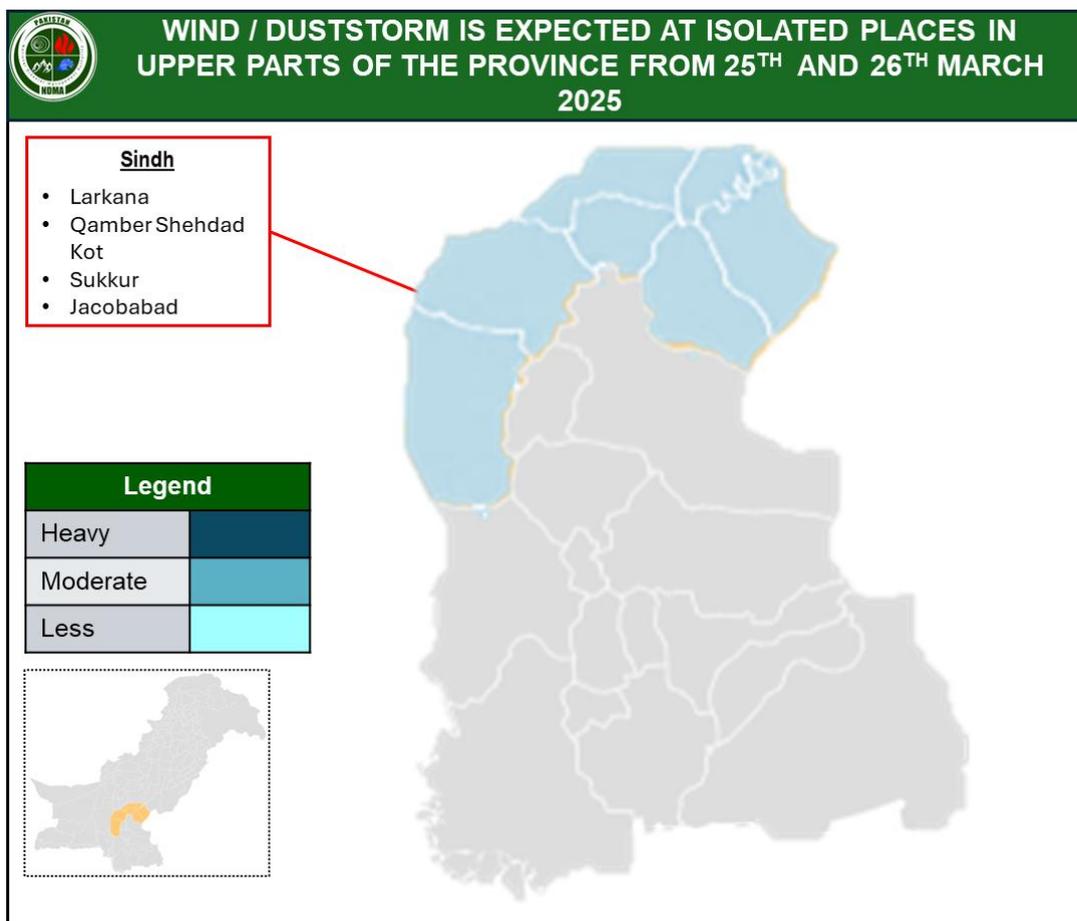
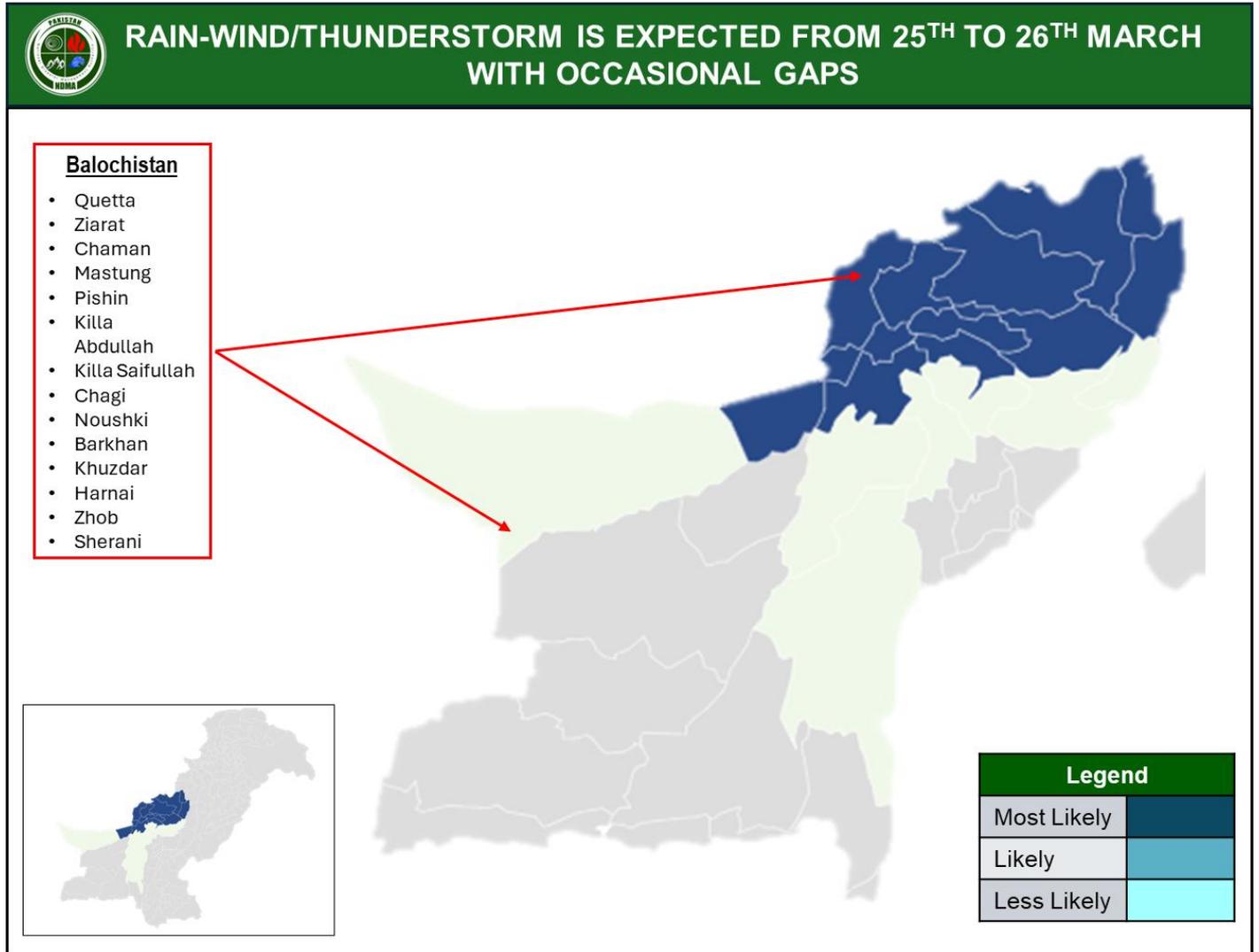
ICT

- Islamabad

Punjab 25 to 26 Mar

- Sargodha
- Mianwali
- Khushab
- Bhakkar
- Multan
- Dera Ghazi Khan
- Layyah
- T.T Singh
- Jhang
- Muzaffargarh
- Taunsa Sharif
- Khanewal





2. Under the influence of this weather system, following are likely impacts: -

a. **Punjab and Islamabad Capital Territory**

- (1) **Rains** may trigger **Landslides** in **Murree** and **hilly areas**.
- (2) **Rainfall** with chances of **heavy falls** may generate **flash flood in local nullahs / urban flooding** in municipalities / **streams** and **river tributaries**.
- (3) **Windstorms** may **damage crops**, **loose structures**, etc.
- (4) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (5) **Electricity** / other **utility services** may **get disrupted**.
- (6) **General public** is **advised** to be aware of **loose structures** like **billboards**, **electrical poles**, **solar panels**, **hoardings**, etc.
- (7) **Windstorms/ hailstorm** may damage crops, **loose structures**, etc.

b. **Balochistan, KP, Galiyat, GB and State of AJ&K**

- (1) **Heavy Downpour** may cause **urban flooding** in **low lying** areas.
- (2) **Heavy rains** may trigger **Landslides** in **Galiyat**, **Mansehra**, **Kohistan**, **Chitral**, **Dir**, **Swat**, **Shangla**, **Buner**, **Sherani**, **Zhob**, **Kashmir** and **Gilgit-Baltistan**.
- (3) **Electricity** / other **utility services** may **get disrupted**.
- (4) **Heavy Rainfall** may generate **flash flooding** in local nullahs / streams and river tributaries.
- (5) **Windstorms/ hailstorm** may damage crops, **loose structures**, etc.
- (6) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (7) **General public** is advised to be aware of loose structures like **billboards**, **electrical poles**, **solar panels**, hoardings, etc.
- (8) **Tourists** are advised to **remain cautious** during the spell and **check weather** updates before **traveling**.
- (9) **Rainfall** may cause **flash flooding** in local nullahs.
- (10) **Landslides / mudslides** may lead to potential **road blockages**.
- (11) **Windstorms** may damage crops, **loose structures**, etc.
- (12) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (13) **Electricity** / other **utility services** may **get disrupted**.
- (14) **General public** is advised to be aware of loose structures like **billboards**, **electrical poles**, **solar panels**, hoardings, etc.
- (15) **Farmers** are **advised** to manage their activities keeping in view the **weather forecast** particularly **frost conditions**.
- (16) **Avoid long** period of **outdoor** exposure in **cold** and **windy weather** during **night** and **morning hours**.
- (17) **Tourists** and **travellers visiting mountainous** areas are advised to remain **cautious** during the **period**.

- (18) **Avoid long** period of **outdoor** exposure in **cold** and **windy weather** during **night** and **morning hours**.

3. In this regard, all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PDMA / GBDMA / SDMA / ICT Administration, DDMA / local administrations, municipal authorities of major metropolises are advised to **ensure following along with any other measures deemed necessary**: -

a. **Aspects for Mass Awareness / Enforcement**

(1) **Roof Safety Precautions During Snow & Rainfall:-**

- (a) **Reinforce Weak Structures.** If your house has a weak roof, strengthen it before inclement weather by adding wooden or metal support beams.
- (b) **Remove Excess Snow.** Regularly clear accumulated snow from the roof using a shovel or broom to prevent excessive weight buildup.
- (c) **Avoid Flat Roofs.** Houses with flat roofs are at greater risk of collapse. If possible, construct sloped roofs to allow snow/ water to slide off.
- (d) **Use Waterproof Sheets.** Covering roofs with waterproof plastic sheets can reduce snow/ water accumulation and moisture absorption.
- (e) **Check for Warning Signs.** Watch for cracks in walls, sagging roofs, or creaking sounds, which indicate structural weakness.

(2) **Personal Safety Measures**

- (a) **Stay Indoors during Heavy Snowfall/ rainfall.** Avoid going outside unless necessary to prevent exposure to extreme cold and snow-related accidents.
- (b) **Keep Emergency Exits Clear.** Regularly remove snow - accumulated over time - from doorways and windows to maintain entry / exit routes.
- (c) **Stock Essential Supplies.** Store food, drinking water, warm clothing, medicine, and firewood in case of prolonged snowfall/ rainfall.

(3) **Heating and Fire Safety**

- (a) **Use Safe Heating Methods.** Avoid open flames inside the house and use properly ventilated heaters or stoves.
- (b) **Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.** Ensure proper ventilation when using wood or coal-burning stoves to avoid toxic gas buildup.

(4) **Community-Based Actions**

- (a) **Help Neighbours.** Assist elderly and disabled community members in clearing snow / accumulated rain water and ensuring their safety.
- (b) **Strengthen Local Shelters.** If community centers or schools are used as shelters, ensure they are structurally sound and stocked with emergency supplies.

(c) **Stay Informed.** Follow weather forecasts and advisories from local authorities and disaster management agencies.

(5) **During thunderstorms and to avoid lightning strike adhere to following:-**

- (a) Do not stand close **to telephone or electric pylons.**
- (b) Do not use landline telephones and any metal / wiring **that is not grounded.**
- (c) Do not take cover **under trees.**
- (d) Move away from **drainage canals** and **pondages.**
- (e) Move **indoors** or **seek shelter** in a **dry place.**

(6) **Travellers / tourists are advised to: -**

- (f) Plan travels to picnic and tourist spots considering weather and traffic **conditions.**
 - (g) Properly dispose of garbage at **designated areas** to prevent clogging of drainage systems.
 - (h) **Avoid overcrowding picnic** and **tourist spots** and ensure personal safety.
 - (i) Keep children away from **nullahs / potholes / drainage lines** to avoid accidents.
 - (j) Wear **weather appropriate clothing.**
 - (k) Keep adequate **supply** of **clean drinking water.**
- (7) Do not risk crossing any **drain** or **road overtopping** with **water flow.** Wait for flows to normalise and prioritise / ensure safety.
- (8) Do not risk **entering** a **ponded under-construction road.**
- (9) Do not take / allow children **close** to **ponds / stagnant** water, water **drainage lines** or any place where **potholes** are **present.**
- (10) Sensitize all concerned on risks posed by **venturing into water channels** and **crossing nullahs** during flash floods.
- (11) Do not handle / repair any **electrical equipment**, especially with **exposed lines** to preclude risk of electrocution **during rainfall / thunderstorms** and water pondage.
- (12) Avoid staying in weak structures. In case of intense rain, seek shelter in safe places such as schools, government buildings, or any concrete buildings.

b. **DDMAs / Local Administrations / DM Responders**

- (1) **Stockpile** up to three weeks supply that includes **ration, fuel** and **medicine** at likely **choke points/ landslide vulnerable areas.**
- (2) Activation and deputation of duty staff for **round-the-clock monitoring** through Emergency Operation Centres (**EOCs**).

- (3) Collect and share the **latest information** with line departments, **provincial**, and **national authorities**.
- (4) Disseminate **advisories**, **alerts**, and **guidelines** to **all concerned**.
- (5) Generate Situation Reports (**SITREPs**) to cover any major incidents / developments.
- (6) Civic Agencies and **Rescue Services** (1122 / Fire Brigade / Ambulance / Civil Defence) to **remain alert** and have **sufficient emergency response personnel** and **equipment** during the forecasted holiday period.
- (7) Alert **masses living in low-lying areas** to exercise **extra caution** and activate **community-based alert systems**.
- (8) Limit the number of **tourists allowed entry** to **picnic** and **tourist spots** to **avoid overcrowding**.
- (9) Regulate **traffic** at **picnic** and **tourist spots** to ensure a smooth flow and **prevent congestion**.
- (10) Provision of **POL** for **backup generators** at **water pumping stations** and timely **pre-placement** of **dewatering pumps** to respond to urban flooding in cities.
- (11) Secure **loose structures including billboards / hoardings / solar panels** from effects of windstorms / thundershowers.
- (12) Under advised of local administration and LEAs, **restrict seasonal nullah crossings**.

c. **PDMA / SDMA / GBDMA / ICT Administration**

- (1) Coordinate with respective PDMA to **align local efforts** with provincial strategies and guidelines.
- (2) Activate / **ensure staffing** of **HR** in **EOCs** for effective **coordination** and **response**.
- (3) Establish a **streamlined** and **efficient communication channel** to ensure **timely dissemination** of weather forecasts, **advisories**, and **alerts** to local administrations and the **public**.
- (4) Ensure flow of information **among all stakeholders** is **accurate**, **timely**, and effectively **coordinated**.
- (5) Ensure **enforcement / dissemination** of **mitigative / preparedness / response guidelines** to **all** concerned.
- (6) Ensure **pre-placement** of **heavy earth moving machinery** at **chokepoints / at-risk regions** for managing landslides and restoration of roads.
- (7) Coordinate with Local Administrations / Line Departments to **proactively provide necessary resources** / HR and support during emergency situations.

- (8) Ensure **adequate stocking** of **resources** / **machinery** / **relief** within provincial and district capacities. Additionally, ensure availability of resources specific to ongoing seasonal hazards.
- (9) Conduct **detailed risk** / **impact** / **vulnerability assessments** at UC to District level and tailor disaster response mechanisms accordingly.
- (10) Maintain a **comprehensive database** of **vulnerable populations** and critical infrastructure within the jurisdiction.
- (11) Ensure **rapid damage** and **needs assessments** follow major incidents.
- (12) Forewarn **travellers/ visitors** about risks posed from **snowfall** and **significant drop** in **temperatures** in vulnerable locations and provide **guidance** and assistance in case of **emergencies** through **local administration**, **police** and rescue services.
- (13) Keeping in view the **snow conditions**, forward place the **snow removing** and **road clearance machinery at vulnerable points**.
- (14) Ensure early coordination with **hotels** / **guest houses** for provision of **proper food** and **shelter** to the **stranded** people, in case of any **emergency**.

d. **Federal Ministries / Departments**

- (1) Ensuring **interagency coordination** and **information sharing** for monitoring and handling emergencies.
 - (2) Raise **mass awareness through respective platforms** relevant stakeholders about **seasonal hazards**.
 - (3) Direct **LEAs, NH&MP** and line departments to **regulate traffic flow, advised travellers / tourists regarding likely situations / dangers** and **safety measures**.
 - (4) Issue **necessary instructions** to **departments**, such as NHA, FWO and C&W for immediate restoration of roads in case of any blockage / obstruction / closures and preplacing of necessary emergency equipment at vulnerable / strategic locations.
 - (5) Ensure **strict** and **proactive monitoring** of the **movement** around/ in close vicinity of nullahs and water channels to **avert possibilities** of **drowning**.
4. In case of any eventuality, twice-daily updates be shared with NDMA.
 5. With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.

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Press Release:

Rain-wind/thunderstorm (with few hailstorm/snowfall over high mountains) is predicted from 25th to 27th March

Met Office predicted that a strong westerly wave is likely to approach western/upper parts of the country on 24th March (night) and affect upper and central parts from 25th to 27th March. Under the influence of this weather system:

Gilgit Baltistan/Kashmir: Widespread rain-wind/thunderstorm (snow over mountains) with few heavy falls is expected in Gilgit-Baltistan (Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Guanche, Shigar), Kashmir (Neelum valley, Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur) from **25th to 28th March with occasional gaps.**

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Rain-wind/thunderstorm (snow over high mountains) with few heavy falls/hailstorms is expected in Chitral, Dir, Swat, Malakand, Shangla, Kohistan, Battagram, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Bunner, Bajaur, Mohmand, Khyber, Orakzai, Kurram, Peshawar, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi from **25th to 27th March with occasional gaps.** Rain-wind/thunderstorm is likely in Waziristan, Kohat, Karak, Lakki Marwat, Bannu and D.I. Khan on **25th and 26th March.** Isolated hailstorm is also expected during the period.

Punjab/Islamabad: Rain-wind/thunderstorm with few hailstorms is expected in Murree, Galliyat, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Hafizabad, Gujranwala, Mandi Bahauddin, Gujrat, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Sheikhpura, Faisalabad from **25th to 27th March with occasional gaps.**

Rain-wind/thunderstorm is expected in Sargodha, Mianwali, Khushab, Bhakkar, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Layyah, T.T Singh, Jhang, Muzaffargarh, Taunsa Sharif and Khanewal on **25th and 26th March.**

Balochistan: Rain-wind/thunderstorm is expected in Quetta, Ziarat, Zhob, Musakhel, Chaman, Mastung, Pishin, Qilla Abdullah, Qilla Saifullah, Loralai, Barkhan, Sibbi, Khuzdar, Chaghi and Noshki on **25th and 26th March.**

Sindh: Wind/duststorm is expected at isolated places in upper parts of the province from **25th and 26th March.**

Possible Impacts and advises:

- Wind-duststorm/hailstorm and lightning may damage loose structures like electric poles, trees, vehicles and solar panels etc.
- Moderate to few heavy rainfalls may cause landslides /slippery conditions on the roads in Murree, Galliyat, Naran, Kaghan, Chitral, Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Shangla, Astore, Hunza, Skardu, Neelum valley, Bagh, Poonch, Haveli during the forecast period.
- Heavy rain may generate flash flood in Chitral, Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Mansehra on 26th & 27th March.
- Tourists are advised to remain extra cautious and avoid unnecessary travelling during forecast period.
- Windstorm/hailstorm may be destructive for the standing crops over the plains of Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

Note: All concerned authorities are advised to remain "ALERT" and take necessary measures to avoid any untoward situation particularly in hilly areas of the country. NDMA/PDMA's /SDMA's are requested to take necessary steps accordingly.

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