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Dated: 1 July 2022

Subject: Onset of Monsoon Rains - Torrential Rains Likely in Sindh & Balochistan

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has issued a weather advisory informing that monsoon rains have started in parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, NE Punjab and AJ&K with more thundershowers / rains with isolated heavy falls expected in these parts. Furthermore, **strong monsoon currents are likely to enter SE Balochistan & Sindh from tomorrow which will result in heavy to very heavy rainfalls**; details enclosed at *Annex-A*. All concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PIDs / PDMAs / GBDMA / SDMA, District Administrations / DDMAs, Municipal Administrations and City Administration of major metropolis are advised to ensure following: -

- a. All civic agencies / rescue services (Rescue 1122 / Fire Brigade / Ambulance / Civil Defence) to remain alert and ensure availability of personnel and equipment during the forecasted period, especially in at-risk urban areas in Sindh and Balochistan.
- b. Provision of POL for back-up generators at water pumping stations and timely pre-placement of de-watering pumps to respond to urban flooding in main cities as highlighted in PMD advisory especially Karachi, Hyderabad, Gwadar and Khuzdar.
- c. Mass awareness campaign for general public on urban flooding and associated risks in vulnerable areas on following aspects: -
 - (1) Avoid unnecessary movement in such areas.
 - (2) Risk and consequent danger of submerging of vehicles in such inundated low-lying areas.
 - (3) Alerting masses living in low-lying areas to exercise extra caution including community-based alert system.
 - (4) Risk of electrocution during heavy rain fall / urban flooding in major metropolises.
 - (5) Evacuation plan of at-risk communities and its timely evacuation.
- d. Alerting / enforcement of movement of vehicles in areas / nullahs prone to flash floods in Balochistan.
- e. LEAs along with Traffic police to advise travelers regarding likely situations / dangers of waterlogged areas and underpasses.

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- f. Coordinate with concerned departments for clearance of roads in case of any blockage / obstruction / closures waterlogging and preplacing of necessary emergency equipment at vulnerable / strategic locations.
- g. Billboards and hoardings are secured from effects of windstorms/ thundershowers.
- h. Local Administration / Police / Rescue Services to alert population residing in low lying areas.
- i. Fishermen of Sindh and Balochistan are advised not to venture out in open sea during the forecast period.
- j. In case of any eventuality, twice-daily updates be shared with NDMA.
- 2. <u>Press Information Department Only</u>. With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.
- 3. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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TORRENTIAL RAINS LIKELY IN SINDH AND BALOCHISTAN

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has informed that strong monsoon currents are likely to enter Southeastern Balochistan and Sindh from tomorrow (Saturday, 2 July 2022), under influence of this system following is expected: -

Balochistan

- Rain-thundershowers with heavy to very heavy falls expected in Awaran, Barkhan, Khuzdar, Kohlu, Lasbela, Naseerabad and Panjgur from 2-5 July 2022 (Saturday to Tuesday).
- Rain-thunderstorms with a few heavy falls expected in Dalbandin, Gwadar, Kalat, Mastung, Nokkundi, Nushki, Ormara, Pasni, Qila Saifullah, Quetta and Zhob during the period (2-5 July 2022, Saturday to Tuesday).

Sindh

- Rain-thundershowers with heavy to very heavy falls expected in Badin, Dadu, Hyderabad, Jamshoro, Karachi, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Tando Allayar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tharparkar, Thatta and Umerkot from 2-5 July 2022 (Saturday to Tuesday).
- Rain-thundershowers with isolated heavy falls expected in Ghotki, Kashmore, Khairpur, Larkana, Naushero Feroze, Shaheed Benazirabad, Shikarpur, Sukkur and Qambar Shahdadkot during the period (2-5 July 2022, Saturday to Tuesday).

Possible Impacts

- Heavy downpour may cause urban flooding in Karachi, Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin, Khuzdar,
 Ormara, Pasni and Gwadar during the forecasted period (2-5 July 2022, Sat-Tue).
- Heavy falls may generate flash flooding in Local Nullahs / Rivers of Barkhan, Zhob, Sibbi,
 Panjgur, Kohlu, Naseerabad, Nagarparkar and Dadu.
- Windstorms may damage loose structures of vulnerable locations in Balochistan & Sindh.
- Sea conditions may become Rough / Very Rough from 3-5 July 2022 (Sun-Tue).
 Fishermen are advised to take extra care during the period.

NOTE: All concerned authorities are advised to remain ALERT & Take Precautionary Measures accordingly.