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#### **Government of Pakistan**

# Prime Minister's Office National Disaster Management Authority ISLAMABAD



Dated: 4th March 2022

Subject: Rain-wind / Thunderstorms in Upper Parts From Saturday To Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> = 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), has issued a press release informing that a westerly wave is likely to enter Western Parts of the Country on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (night) and is likely to persist in Upper Parts of the country till Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022. (Details enclosed at **Annex A)**. All Concerned PDMAs, SDMA, GBDMA and ICT administration is requested to ensure following precautionary measures to avoid any loss of life or property: -

- a. To coordinate with relevant District and Municipal Administrations and concerned departments (NHA, FWO and C&W) for restoration of roads in case of any blockage / obstruction / closures.
- b. To coordinate with relevant District and Municipal Administrations to ensure that any loose billboards and hoardings are secured from effects of thunderstorm / wind.
- To ensure pre-placement of necessary equipment and heavy machinery at all vulnerable and at-risk areas.
- d. To ensure that Tourists / Visitors in at-risk/ affected areas are apprised/ forewarned about weather forecast.
- e. To ensure availability of emergency services personnel.
- f. Daily updates will be shared with NDMA about the prevalent situation and in case of any emergency, regular/ hourly updates will be forwarded to NEOC. 2.
  Press Information Department (PID) Only. With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
- 3. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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Annex A

# Rain-wind / Thunderstorms in Upper Parts From Saturday To Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has informed that, a westerly wave is likely to enter Western Parts of the Country on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (night) and is likely to persist in Upper Parts of the Country till Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Under the influence of this weather system:

Rain-wind/thunderstorm with snow over hills is expected in (Balochistan)
 Districts Quetta, Ziarat, Qila Saifullah, Pishin, Zhob, Musa Khel, (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Districts Waziristan, Dera Ismail khan, Bannu (Punjab) Districts

Bhakkar and Layyah from **Saturday**, **5**<sup>th</sup> **March 2022 (night) to Tuesday**, **8**<sup>th</sup> **March 2022**.

- Rain-wind / thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls / hailstorm expected in (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Districts Chitral, Dir, Swat, Malakand, Kohistan, Shangla, Buner, Manshera, Abbottabad, Haripur, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir from Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (night) to Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 with occasional gaps.
- While, in (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Districts Swabi, Mardan, Nowshera, Charsadda, Peshawar, Bajaur, Kurram, Khyber, Kohat, Islamabad Capital Territory, (Punjab) Rawalpindi, Attock, Jhelum, Chakwal, Mianwali, Bhakkar, Sargodha, Khushab, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Lahore and Sialkot, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (morning).
- Light with few moderate snowfalls is expected in (Punjab) Murree, (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Galliyat, Nathiagali, Naran, Kaghan, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, (Kashmir) Neelum valley, Bagh, Haveli, (Gilgit Baltistan) Astore, Skardu and Hunza from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 till Thursday (10<sup>th</sup> March 2022).

## Possible Impacts

 Windstorm may cause damages to vulnerable structures and standing crops in north Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, upper Punjab, and Kashmir on Sunday and Wednesday/ Thursday.