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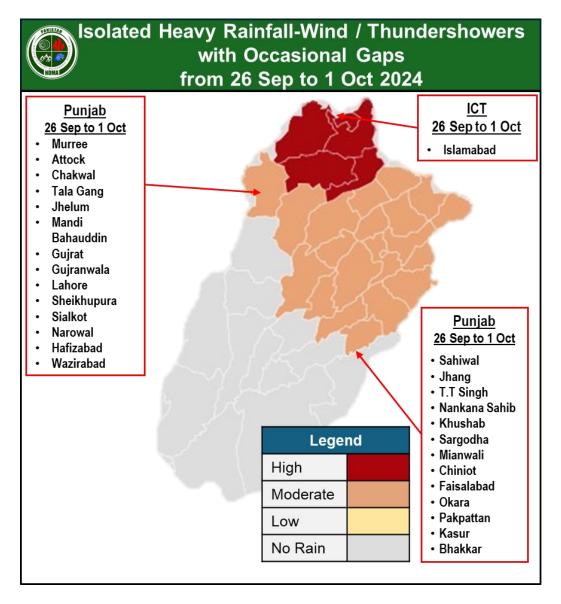


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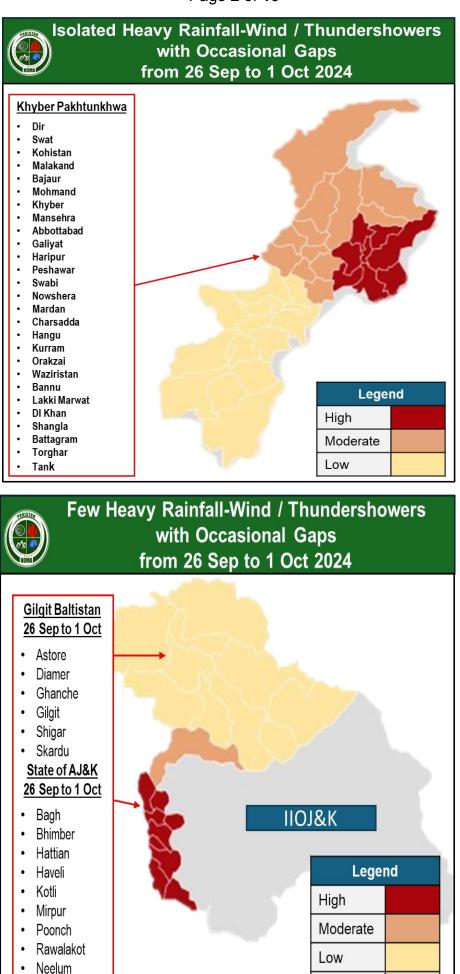
# Subject: Isolated Heavy Rainfall-Wind / Thundershowers with Occasional Gaps from 26 September to 1 October 2024

Moist currents are likely to penetrate in upper parts of the country from 25<sup>th</sup> September. A westerly wave is also likely to approach upper parts on 26<sup>th</sup> September and is likely to remain in parts of country till 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Under the said weather system following are the likely

## impacted areas are: -



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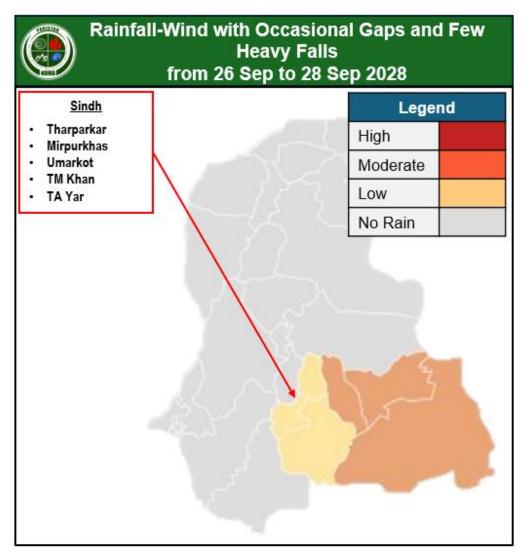


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2. Under the influence of this weather system, following are likely impacts: -

# a. Punjab / Islamabad Capital Territory

- Heavy rains may trigger Landslides in Murree and hilly areas from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.
- (2) Rainfall with chances of heavy falls may generate flash / urban flooding in municipalities / local nullahs / 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.
- b. KP, Galiyat, GB and State of AJ&K
  - Heavy Downpour may cause urban flooding in low lying areas Nowshera and Peshawar from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.
  - (2) Heavy rains may trigger Landslides in Galiyat, Mansehra, Kohistan, Chitral, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

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- (3) **Electricity** / other **utility services** may **get disrupted**.
- (4) **Heavy Rainfall** may generate **flash flooding** in local nullahs / streams and river tributaries.
- (5) Windstorms 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.

3. In this regard, all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PDMAs / GBDMA / SDMA / ICT Administration, DDMAs / 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) During thunderstorms and to avoid lightning strike do not do the 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**.
- (2) Travellers / tourists are advised to: -
  - Plan travels to picnic and tourist spots considering weather and traffic conditions.
  - (b) Properly dispose of garbage at designated areas to prevent clogging of drainage systems.
  - (c) Avoid overcrowding picnic and tourist spots and ensure personal safety.
  - (d) Keep children away from nullahs / potholes / drainage lines to avoid accidents.

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- (e) Wear weather appropriate clothing.
- (f) Keep adequate **supply** of **clean drinking water**.
- (3) Do not risk crossing any drain or road overtopping with water flow. Wait for flows to normalise and prioritise / ensure safety.
- (4) Do not risk entering a ponded under-construction road.
- (5) Do not take / allow children close to ponds / stagnant water, water drainage lines or any place where potholes are present.
- (6) Sensitize all concerned on risks posed by venturing into water channels and crossing nullahs during flash floods.
- (7) Do not handle / repair any electrical equipment, especially with exposed lines to preclude risk of electrocution during rainfall / thunderstorms and water pondage.
- (8) 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

- Stoke pile up to three weeks supply that includes ration, fuel and medicine at likely choke points/ landslide vulnerable areas.
- 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.

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- (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. PDMAs / SDMA / GBDMA / ICT Administration

- (1) Coordinate with respective PDMAs 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.

# 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.

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- (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:

Date: 20th September, 2024 Time: 16:30PST

#### Rain-wind/thundershower predicted in upper/central parts from 26th September to 01st October, 2024.

Met office predicted that moist currents from Bay of Bengal are likely to penetrate in upper parts from 25th September. A westerly wave is also likely to approach upper parts on 26th September. Under the influence of these weather systems:

Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa: Rain-wind/thundershower (with isolated heavyfalls) are expected in Chitral, Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Shangla, Battagram, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Buner, Malakand, Bajaur, Mohmand, Khyber, Peshawar, Swabi, Nowshera, Mardan, Charsadda, Kurram, Orakzai, Kohat from 26th September (evening/night) to 01st October \_\_while in Hangu, Bannu, Lakki Marwat, Waziristan and Dera Ismail Khan from 27th September to 01st October with occasional gapes.

Punjab/Islamabad: Rain-wind/thundershower (with isolated heavyfalls) are expected in Islamabad/Rawalpindi, Murree, Galliyat, Attock, Chakwal, Tala Gang, Jhelum, Mandi Bahauddin, Gujrat, Gujranwala, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Sialkot, Narowal, Hafizabad, Wazirabad from 26th September (evening/night) to 01st October\_while in Sahiwal, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Nankana Sahib, Khushab, Sargodha, Mianwali, Chiniot, Faisalabad, Okara, Pakpattan, Kasur and Bhakkar from 27th September (night) to 01th October.

Kashmir: Rain-wind/thundershower is expected in Kashmir (Neelum valley, Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur) from 26th September to 02nd October.

Gilgit-Baltistan: Rain-wind/thunderstorm is expected in Gilgit-Baltistan (Diamir, Astore, Skardu, Gilgit, Hunza, Ghanche, Shigar) from 26th September to 02nd October.

Balochistan: Hot and dry weather is expected in most parts of the province.

Sindh: Hot & Dry weather is expected in most parts of the province. However, Rain wind thunderstorm is expected at isolated places in Mirpurkhas, Tharparker, Umerkot and adjoining areas from 26th to 28th September.

#### Possible Impacts and advises:

- Heavy rains may increase flow in local nullas/streams in Murree, Galliyat, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Kohistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, Kashmir, Chitral, Dir, Swat, ٠ Shangla, Bajaur, Mohmand, Khyber, Nowshera, Swabi, Islamabad/Rawalpindi and Northeast Punjab during the forecast period.
- Heavyfalls may cause urban flooding in low lying areas of Islamabad/Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Kasur and Sialkot during the wet period.
- Landslides may disrupt roads in the vulnerable points of upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Murree, Galliyat, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan during the forecast period.
- Windstorm and lightning may affect damage weak structures like roof/wall of Kacha houses, electric poles, bill boards, vehicles, and solar panels etc. during the forecast period
- Farmers are advised to manage their activities keeping in view the weather forecast.
- Travellers and tourists are advised to remain extra cautious and manage their travelling according to weather conditions and avoid any untoward situation during the wet spell.

Note: All concerned authorities are advised to remain "ALERT" and take necessary measures to avoid any untoward situation. Any significant change will be updated accordingly.

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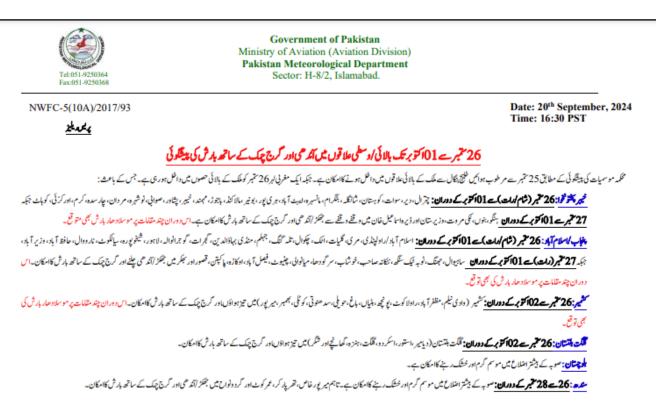
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