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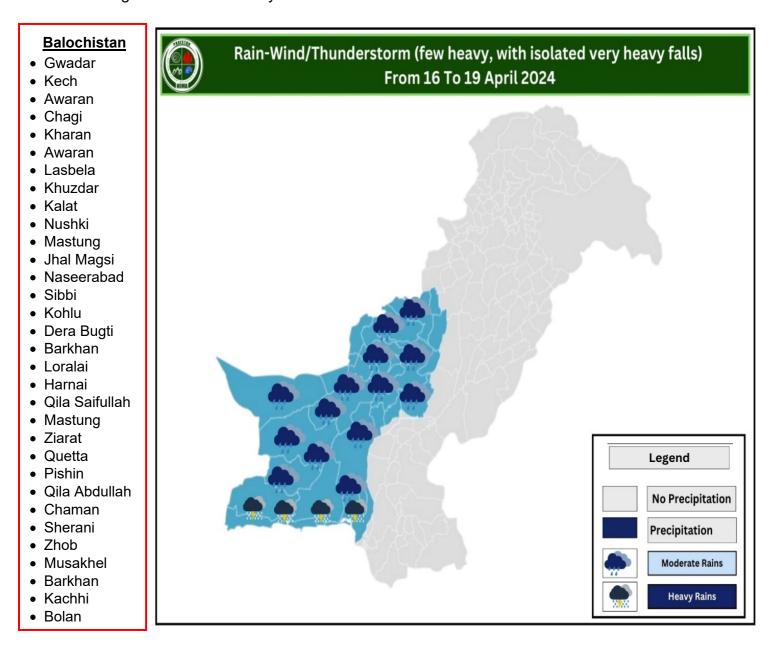
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Dated: 15 April 2024

# Subject: MORE RAIN-WIND / THUNDERSTORMS DURING THE WEEK

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) (*Press Release at Annex-A*) has forecasted that another **westerly wave** is entering Pakistan from **16**<sup>th</sup> **April** and is likely to grip most parts of the country until **22**<sup>nd</sup> **April**. Under the influence, **Rain / Windstorms / Thunderstorms along with ISOLATED VERY HEAVY FALLS and Hailstorms with Occasional Gaps** are expected in following areas of the country: -



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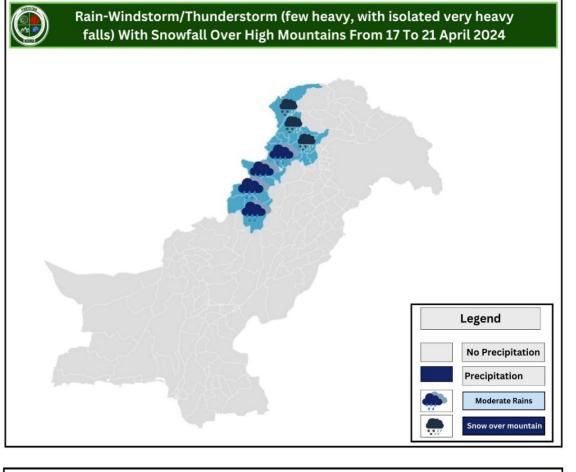
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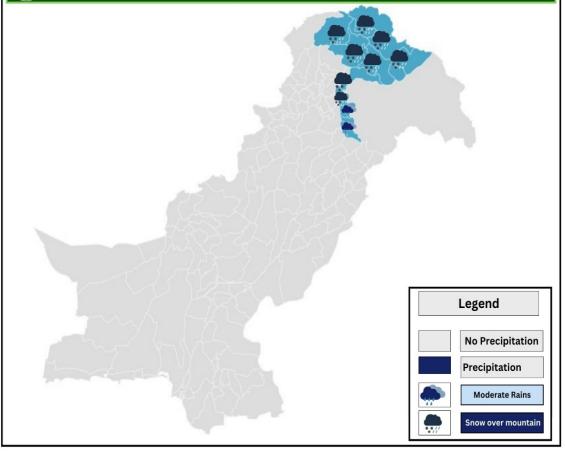
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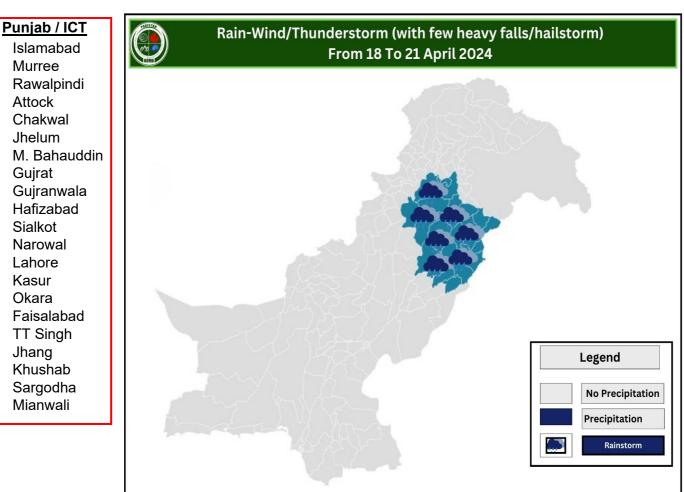
### <u>AJ&K</u>

- Neelum
- Muzaffarabad
- Rawalakot
- Poonch
- Hattian
- Bagh
- Haveli
- Sudhnoti
- Kotli
- Bhimber
- Mirpur



# Rain-Wind/Thunderstorm (few heavy falls) With Snowfall Over High Mountains From 18 To 22 April 2024





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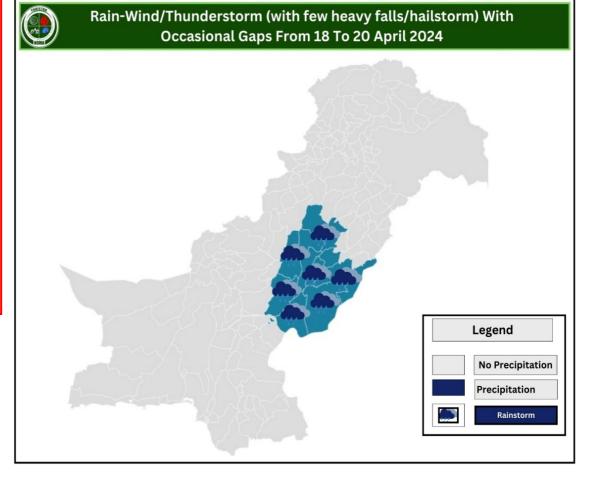
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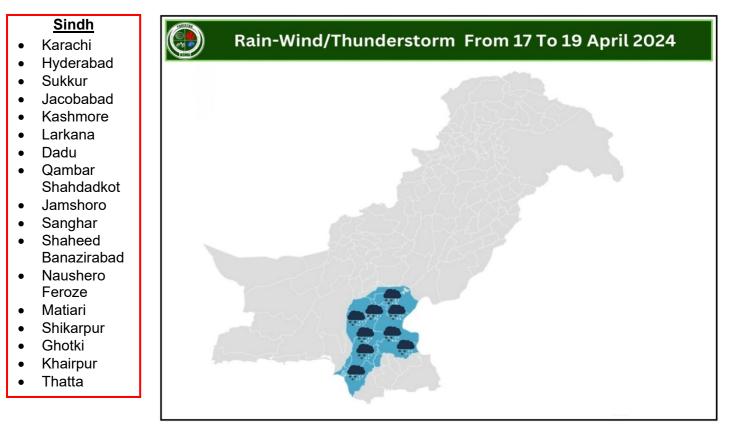
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- Rajanpur •
- Bhakkar •
- Layyah •
- Multan •
- Kot Addu •
- Muzaffargarh •
- **RY Khan** •
- Sadiqabad •
- Khanpur •
- Bahawalpur •
- Bahawalnagar •
- Lodhran •
- Jhang •
- Vehari •
- Khanewal .





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

# a. KP, GB, Galiyat, Murree and State of AJ&K

- (1) Heavy Rainfall / Thunderstorms may disrupt roads during the period.
- (2) **Tourists** are advised to **remain cautious** during the spell and check weather updates before traveling.
- (3) **Electricity** / other **utility services** may **get disrupted**.
- (4) Heavy Rainfall may generate flash flooding in local nullahs / streams and river tributaries.
- (5) Landslides, mudslides, may lead to potential road blockages in Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Galiyat, Murree, Gilgit Baltistan and State of AJ&K.
- (6) Windstorms / Hailstorms may damage crops, loose structures, etc.
- (7) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (8) **Farmers** are advised to remain **extra cautious** and plan agricultural activity accordingly during the spell.
- (9) **Temperatures** are likely to **drop** during the wet spell.

## b. Balochistan

- (1) Heavy rainfall may cause flash flooding in local nullahs.
- (2) Hill torrents are expected in Sulaiman and the Kirthar Range.
- (3) Landslides / mudslides may lead to potential road blockages.
- (4) Windstorms / Hailstorms may damage crops, loose structures, etc.
- (5) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.

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- (6) **Electricity** / other **utility services** may **get disrupted**.
- (7) **Farmers** are advised to remain **extra cautious** and plan agricultural activity accordingly during the spell.
- (8) **Temperatures** are likely to **drop** during the wet spell.

### c. Punjab / Sindh / Islamabad Capital Territory

- (1) **Hill torrents** are expected in DG Khan and Rajanpur.
- (2) **Heavy Rainfall** may generate **flash flooding** in local nullahs / streams and river tributaries.
- (3) Windstorms / Hailstorms may damage crops, loose structures, etc.
- (4) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (5) Electricity / other utility services may get disrupted.
- (6) **Farmers** are advised to remain **extra cautious** and plan agricultural activity accordingly during the spell.
- (7) **Tourists** are advised to **remain cautious** during the spell and check weather updates before traveling.
- (8) **Temperatures** are likely to **drop** during the wet spell.

3. All PDMAs / GBDMA / SDMA and ICT Administration, NHA, NH&MP, FWO, Rescue 1122, Dam Authorities, Line Departments, Ministries and Federal Agencies are required to undertake measures as per respective mandates. However, the following is to be ensured by all concerned, in addition to measures deemed appropriate as per on ground situation / requirements: -

- a. Ensure **round-the-clock monitoring** of the situation through EOCs with **regular feedback** to PEOCs and NEOC.
- DDMA/ District Administration are advised to relocate families to safe sites and shelters from mud houses in order to prevent casualties.
- c. **Forewarn travelers** / **visitors** about risks posed from flooding / landslides and likely snowfall over mountains in vulnerable locations and **provide guidance and assistance** in case of emergencies through local administration, police and rescue services.
- d. Ensure that in places where there is a high risk of urban floods, flash flooding, hill torrents and landslides emergency services, personnel and equipment (such as Rescue 1122, Fire Brigade, Ambulance and Civil Defense, among others) are available.
- e. **Preplace necessary emergency equipment** at vulnerable / strategic locations to expedite response efforts and **complete stocking** / replenishment of stocks.
- f. NH&MP and Traffic Police to **coordinate** with **Law Enforcement Agencies** to **manage** and **redirect traffic** from affected areas to safer areas, to prevent congestion and facilitate emergency response efforts.

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- g. NHA / Line Departments to conduct regular inspections of critical infrastructure, such as bridges and roads, to identify and address any vulnerability that may leadto structural damage during heavy rainfall.
- h. PMD / FFD / PDMAs / PIDs to **proactively monitor nullahs** / **storm water drains**, to ensure their proper functioning and prevent blockages that may lead to inundation.
- Ensure widespread circulation of alerts and advisories, especially in local languages, to raise awareness and sensitize travelers / tourists and local communities in at-risk / vulnerable areas.
- j. Coordinate with relevant departments to secure loose structures such as electrical poles, solar panels, hoardings and under-construction buildings to mitigate potential damages from dust-wind / thunderstorms.
- k. Conduct mass public awareness campaigns to educate residents and travelers in vulnerable areas about the risks of flash flooding / landslides / avalanche / blizzard and take precautionary measures.
- I. Advise general public to seek shelter in safe areas, such as sturdy buildings or underground structures during dust-wind / hail-thunderstorms and avoid objects that pose a risk of falling / being struck by lightning.
- m. **Strengthen coordination** among all **relevant departments** and agencies to facilitate timely **sharing of information** and resources during emergency situations.
- n. **Establish reliable communication channels** with local communities to provide timely updates, instructions and emergency contact information.
- Advise farmers to take necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to safeguard their crops through timely harvesting, safe storage or any other precaution from adverse effects of dust-wind-thunderstorms / hailstorms and likely drop in temperatures.
- p. Share daily / routine updates with NDMA in case of any eventuality.
- 4. **Press Information Department Only**. With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
- 5. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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### PMD PRESS RELEASE

Government of Pakistan Ministry of Aviation (Aviation Division) Pakistan Meteorological Department

Sector: H-8/2, Islamabad.



NWFC-5(10A)/2017/72

#### Weather Advisory:

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 Time: 12:00 PST

#### More rains-wind/thunderstorm predicted during the week (with occasional gaps)

Met Office informed that another strong westerly wave is likely to enter western parts of the country on 16<sup>th</sup> April (night) and likely to grip most parts of Balochistan on 17<sup>th</sup> April and will extend to upper parts on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Under the influence of this weather system:

Balochistan: Rain-wind/thunderstorm (few heavy, with isolated very heavy falls) is expected in Gwadar, Kech, Awaran, Chagi, Kharan, Awaran, Lasbella, Khuzdar, Kalat, Noushki, Mastung, Jhal Magsi, Naseerabad, Sibbi, Kohlu, Dera Bugti, Barkhan, Loralai, Harnai, Qilla Saifullah, Mastung, Ziarat, Shirani, Zhob, Musa Khel and Barkhan from 16<sup>th</sup> (night) to 19<sup>th</sup> April (morning).

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Rain-windstorm/thunderstorm (few heavy, with isolated very heavy falls) with snowfall over high mountains is expected in Chitral, Dir, Swat, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Haripur, Kohistan, Shangla, Buner and Malakand, Waziristan, Kohat, Lakki Marwat, Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan, Bajaur, Mohmand, Karak, Khyber, Peshawar, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi, Mardan and Kurram with occasional gaps from <u>17<sup>th</sup> (night) to 21<sup>st</sup> April.</u> Hailstorm is also expected at isolated places during the forecast period.

<u>Gilgit-Baltistan/Kashmir:</u> Rain-wind/thunderstorm (few heavy falls) with snowfall over high mountains is expected in Gilgit-Baltistan (Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Ghanche, Shigar), Kashmir (Neelum valley, Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur) with occasional gaps from <u>18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April.</u>

Punjab/Islamabad: Rain-wind/thunderstorm (with few heavy falls/hailstorm) is expected in Murree, Galliyat, Islamabad/Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Mandi Bahauddin, Gujrat, Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Kasur, Okara, Faisalabad, Toba Tek Singh, Jhang, Khushab, Sargodha, Mianwali, Pakpattan and Sahiwal from <u>18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April</u>. While, in Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, Bhakkar, Layyah, Multan, Kot Addu, Muzaffargarh, Rahim Yar Khan, Sadiqabad, Khanpur, Bahawalpur and Bahawalnagar with occasional gaps from <u>18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April</u>.

Sindh: Rain-wind/thunderstorm is expected in Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Jacobabad, Kashmore, Larkana, Dadu, Qambar Shahdad Kot, Jamshoro and Sanghar from <u>17<sup>th</sup> (night) to 19<sup>th</sup> April (morning)</u>.

#### Possible Impacts and advises:

- Heavy rainfall may generate flash flooding in local nullahs/Streams of Balochistan specially (Gwadar, Kech, Awaran, Kalat, Khuzdar) on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April, while Dir, Swat, Chitral, Kohistan, Manshera, Tributaries of Kabul River, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April.
- Possibility of landslides in Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Murree, Galiyat, Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan and may affect the vulnerable locations from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April.
- Windstorm/hailstorm and lightning may damage standing crops, loose structures like electric poles, vehicles and solar
  panels etc during the period.
- Farmers especially in wheat harvested areas are advised to manage their crops keeping in view the weather conditions.
- Tourists are advised to avoid unnecessary traveling during the forecast period.
- Temperatures are likely to drop during the wet spell.

Note: All concerned authorities are advised to remain "ALERT" and take necessary measures to avoid any untoward situation during the forecast period.

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ويدرايذوا تزرى

Date: April 15th, 2024 Time: 12:00 PST

روال بفتہ کے دوران دقف دقف آئد می/ جنکز چلنے اور کرج چک کے ساتھ مزید بار شول کی پینگو کی

محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق مغربی ہواؤں کاایک اور سلسلہ 16 اپریل کی (رات) کو بلوچتان کے مغربی علاقوں میں داخل ہو گا۔ 17 اپریل کو بلوچتان کے بیشتر اضلاع کو اپنی کپیٹ میں لے گااور 18 اپریل کو ملک کے بلائی علاقوں تک پیچیل جائے گا۔ جس کے ماعث:

ملومتان : 10 (رمع ) 20 م برای ، دور این گرد این می آند می این با زمان ، اید ان ، اید با ی معد و تک ، تو تک ، تک ما تو ، تو تک ، تو تک ، تو تک ، تک ما تو ، تو باد ، تو تک ، تو تک ، تک ما تو ، تو باد ، تو تک ، تو تک ، تک ما تک پر تو تک ، تو تک ، تک ما تک پر تو تک ، تو تک مان ، باد و تک و تک ، تو تو تک ، تو تک ، تو تک ما تک مندوند ، تو تک ، تو تک ، تو تک مان ، تو تک ، تو تک ، تو تک ، تو تک ما تک می مندوند ، بو نو باد ، باتک مان ، باد و تک و تک ، تو تک مند به مان از منور بی تک مات و می تک می ایند می ایند ، تو تک ، تک ، تو تک ، تو تک ، می تک ، تو تک ، تو تک ، مات م ، تو تک ، ماتو ، تو تک م می تک ، تو تک

- 17 ادر 18 اپ یل کوشرید/مو ملاحلہ پر ش کے باعث لوچتان کے علای ادر بر ساتی تری تانوں خصوصار کوادر، کی تقادمان ادر قلعت) بجکہ 18 سے 20 پ یل کے دوران دیر، مواجد، چرال، کو بستان ادر انسر و کے علای تری تانوں اور در ایے کا بل سے خطر قل ش طنی ان کا علرہ
  - 18 = 21 بال كرددان جزارش كرامت بال تحير بحوظود مرى، كميات، مشيرادر كمك، باتستان ش ليلا ملاتيا تك الجماعد شر.
  - ا ایر می اجتواران ار بادی اکرین چک باد جزید شرک باحث کمنزی خسلوں، کو درا نفراستر کی ( بجل کے تصبی، کازیں سولر خال، وخیر د) کو فتصان کا تد جائد۔
    - ۲۰۰۰ مان حفراعتلیّ فسلول شموماً کنم کا کُ کے طاقول ش موم کو د فکرد کھے ہوتے اسے معولات ترتیب د تی۔
      - مجويد هول كدوران سيل معرات فير خرور كاستر سايعتاب كريد-
        - پارش دل کے باحث درج حماد سے شمایل کی کا امکان۔

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