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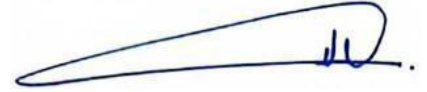
Subject: **DUST - THUNDERSTORM/ RAIN WITH OCCASIONAL GAPS PREDICTED IN UPPER PARTS IN COMING DAYS - A TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM VERY HOT WEATHER IN UPPER PARTS**

Pakistan Met Department (**Annex-A**) predicted that a **Westerly wave** is likely to approach **Northwestern** parts of the country on **18th May (Night)** and likely to persist in upper parts till **23rd May**. Under the influence of this weather system. **Dust - thunderstorm/ rain with isolated hailstorm** is expected from **18th (Night) to 23rd May** with occasional gaps as under: -

- a. **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**. Chitral, Dir, Swat, Kalam, Shangla, Buner, Kohistan, Malakand, Battagram, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Balakot, Haripur, Swabi, Mardan, Nowshera, Charsadda, Peshawar, Bajaur, Mohmand, Orakzai, Khyber, Kohat, Kurram, Hangu, Waziristan, Bannu, Laki Marwat, Karak.
 - b. **Punjab/ Islamabad**. Murree, Galiyat, Islamabad/ Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Khushab, Joharabad, Bhakkar, Layyah, Sargodha, Mianwali, Faisalabad, Jhang, Lahore, Sheikhpura, Okara, Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahuddin, Sialkot, Narowal.
 - c. **Gilgit Baltistan**. Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Guaniche, Shigar.
 - d. **Kashmir**. Neelum valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur.
2. Under the influence of this weather system, following are likely impacts: -
- a. Windstorm and lightning may damage weak structures (electric poles, bill boards, solar panels etc) during the forecast period.
 - b. Farmers are advised to manage their activities in accordance with the dust storm and rain prediction.
 - c. Moderate to isolated heavy falls may trigger landslides in vulnerable areas of upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir during the forecast period.
 - d. Tourists and travelers are advised to remain cautious and avoid unnecessary travelling during the forecast period.
 - e. Very hot weather is likely to continue in southern parts of the country in coming days.

3. All concerned Federal Ministries/ Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PDMAs/ GBDMA/ SDMA/ ICT Administration, DDMA/ local administrations, municipal authorities of major metropolises are advised to **ensure all necessary measures**.

4. **Press Information Department Only**. With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.



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Press release:

Dust-thunderstorm/rain with occasional gaps predicted in upper parts in coming days
A temporary relief from very hot weather in upper parts

Met office predicted that a westerly wave is likely to approach northwestern parts of the country on **18th May (Night)** and likely to persist in upper parts till **23rd May**. Under the influence of this weather system:

Dust-thunderstorm/rain with isolated hailstorm is expected in **Kyber Pakhtunkhwa** (Chitral, Dir, Swat, Kalam, Shangla, Buner, Kohistan, Malakand, Battagram, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Balakot, Haripur, Swabi, Mardan, Nowshera, Charsadda, Peshawar, Bajaur, Mohmand, Orakzai, Khyber, Kohat, Kurram, Hangu, Waziristan, Bannu, Laki Marwat, Karak), **Punjab/Islamabad** (Murree, Galiyat, Islamabad/Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Khushab, Joharabad, Bhakkar, Layyah, Sargodha, Mianwali, Faisalabad, Jhang, Lahore, Sheikhpura, Okara, Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahuddin, Sialkot, Narowal), **Gilgit Baltistan** (Diamir, Astore, Ghizer, Skardu, Hunza, Gilgit, Guanache, Shigar), **Kashmir** (Neelum valley, Muzaffarabad, Poonch, Hattian, Bagh, Haveli, Sudhanoti, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur) from **18th (Night) to 23rd May** with occasional gaps.

Possible Impacts and advises:

- **Windstorm and lightning may damage weak structures (electric poles, bill boards, solar panels etc.) during the forecast period.**
- **Farmers are advised to manage their activities in accordance with the dust storm and rain prediction.**
- **Moderate to isolated heavyfalls may trigger landslides in vulnerable areas of upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir during the forecast period.**
- **Tourists and travelers are advised to remain cautious and avoid unnecessary travelling during the forecast period.**
- **Very hot weather is likely to continue in southern parts of the country in coming days.**

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

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پریس ریلیز

آئندہ چند روز کے دوران ہلالائی علاقوں میں گرد آلود ہواؤں / آندھی اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کی پیش گوئی ہلالائی علاقوں میں شدید گرمی کی شدت میں عارضی کمی متوقع

محلہ موسمیات کی پیش گوئی کے مطابق مغربی ہواؤں کا ایک سلسلہ 18 مئی (رات) کو ملک کے شمال مغربی علاقوں میں داخل ہونے کا امکان ہے جو 23 مئی تک ہلالائی علاقوں پر برقرار رہ سکتا ہے۔ اس موسمی نظام کے زیر اثر:

18 مئی (رات) سے 23 مئی کے دوران خیبر پختونخوا، پنجاب، دیر، سوات، کالام، شانگلہ، بونیر، کوہستان، سالاکندہ، بنگرام، مانسہرہ، ایبٹ آباد، بالا کوٹ، ہری پور، صوابی، مردان، نوشہرہ، چارسدہ، پشاور، ہاجوڑ، مہمند، اورکزئی، خیبر، کوہاٹ، کرم، ہنگو، وزیرستان، بنوں، گلگت، مروت، کرک، پنجاب / اسلام آباد (مری، گلگت، اسلام آباد اور اولپنڈی، اٹک، چکوال، جہلم، خوشاب، جوہر آباد، بکھر، لیہ، سرگودھا، میانوالی، فیصل آباد، جھنگ، لاہور، شیخوپورہ، اوکاڑہ، گوجرانوالہ، حافظ آباد، منڈی بہاؤ الدین، سیالکوٹ، نارووال)، گلگت بلتستان (دیپس، استور، نذر، اسکردو، ہنزہ، گلگت، گھانچے، شکر) اور سندھ (دادی نلم، مظفر آباد، پونچھ، ہنیاں، بلش، حویلی، سدھوتی، کوٹلی، بھمبر، میرپور) میں گرد آلود ہواؤں / آندھی اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ وقفے وقفے سے بارش جبکہ چند مقامات پر ٹالہ باری کا بھی امکان۔

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- کاشتکار حضرات گرد آلود ہواؤں / آندھی اور بارش کے پیش نظر اپنی فصلوں کی دیکھ بھال موسمی حالات کے مطابق کریں۔
- درمیانی سے تیز موسلا حد بارش کے باعث ہلالائی خیبر پختونخوا، گلگت بلتستان اور سندھ کے پہاڑی علاقوں میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کا خطرہ۔
- اس دوران سیاحوں اور مسافروں کو احتیاط سے اور غیر ضروری سفر سے اجتناب کی ہدایت۔
- آئندہ چند روز کے دوران ملک کے جنوبی علاقوں میں موسم شدید گرم برقرار رہنے کا امکان۔

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