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Dated: **2 May 2026**Subject: **GLOF Alert**

A moderate Westerly wave is expected to enter in upper regions of Pakistan from **3rd May 2026**. During this period, widespread rain, wind thunderstorms and isolated heavy falls, are anticipated across **Gilgit-Baltistan** and **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**. The sudden increase in temperatures followed by widespread precipitation significantly elevates the risk of **Glacial Lake Outburst Floods** (GLOFs), debris flow and flash flooding vulnerable areas especially in **Hoper, Ghulkin, Shishper, Yasin, Phander, Badswat, lower Hunza, Nagar, Ghanche, Shigar, Swat, upper Chitral, Dir** and **Astore**. PMD press release attached at **Annex A**.

2. In light of prevailing situation all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PIDs / PDMA KP/ GBDMA, District Administrations / DDMA's and Municipal Administrations are advised to ensure following: -

- a. PDMA KP / GBDMA / Respective DDMA's to **undertake proactive monitoring and surveillance** of **vulnerable GLOF Sites** in order to **ensure timely early warning, evacuation and response**.
- b. DDMA's to conduct **evacuation drills** in **at-risk communities** in order to **ensure full preparedness**.
- c. 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.
- d. **Mass awareness campaign for general public** on GLOFs in at risk areas covering following aspects: -
 - (1) Monitor local nullahs for sudden changes in **water color (muddiness)** or **unusual sounds (grinding rocks)**
 - (2) Secure livestock and essentials in higher safe grounds
 - (3) Coordinate closely with community Based Disaster Risk Management Committees (CBDRMCs)
 - (4) Avoid **unnecessary movement** in such areas, especially the discharge nullahs / streams and rivers.
 - (5) Risk, consequences and danger of **washing away of vehicles** in fast-flowing water channels.

- (6) **Alerting general masses living in low-lying areas** to exercise extra caution including community-based alert system.
 - e. LEAs / Traffic Police **advise travelers regarding likely situations** / dangers and safety measures.
 - 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.
 - g. PDMA KP / GBDMA / Respective DDMA's to ensure that **safe evacuation sites** are **fully stocked and ready for utilization** in case of any eventuality.
 - h. Preplace **necessary emergency equipment** at vulnerable / strategic locations to **expedite response efforts** and complete stocking / replenishment of stocks.
 - i. Coordinate with concerned departments (NHA, FWO and C&W) for **restoration of roads** in case of any blockage / obstruction / closures and **preplacing** of **necessary emergency equipment** at vulnerable / strategic locations.
 - j. Local Administration / Police / Rescue Services to **alert population residing in low lying areas**.
 - k. Ensure **round the clock monitoring mechanism** / arrangements through **all possible means / resources**, especially involving the local communities for immediate dissemination of early warnings.
 - l. In case of heightened risk, **controlled breaching** of vulnerable **GLOF sites** may be coordinated with the concerned departments, to prevent **sudden outburst** events.
 - m. **Tourists** are advised to **avoid trekking** in **glacier-prone areas**, refrain from taking **pictures** or **videos near glaciers** and strictly avoid going **close** to **glacier sites** to prevent any **untoward eventuality**.
 - n. In-case of any eventuality, routine updates will be shared with NDMA.
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- Residents in glaciated valleys are advised to observe the following safety measures.
 - Avoid proximity to riverbanks and stream beds during rainfall.
 - Monitor local nullahs for sudden changes in water color (muddiness) or unusual sounds (grinding rocks)
 - Secure livestock and essentials in higher safe grounds
 - Coordinate closely with community Based Disaster Risk Management Committees (CBDRMCs)
 - The Disaster Management authorities ensure 24/7 alertness and take necessary measures to avoid any untoward situation.
 - Maintain active communication links with technical focal persons in remote valleys.
 - Disseminate this alert via SMS, social media.
2. All concerned are advised to remain alert and take necessary measures to avoid any untoward situation.

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