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Dated Peshawar the 15th January, 2026

To

All Deputy Commissioners,
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Subject: **RAIN - THUNDERSTORM WITH SNOWFALL PREDICTED IN THE PROVINCE FROM 16TH TO 23RD JANUARY, 2026**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to state that Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Regional Met Office, Peshawar has predicted that a westerly low-pressure system is likely to approach the region from 16th January, and is very likely to strengthen from 21st January, 2026.

Under the influence of this weather system:

- **Light to moderate rain-wind/ thunderstorm with snowfall** is expected in Chitral (Upper & Lower), Dir (Upper & Lower), Swat, Shangla, Kohistan (Upper, Lower), Kolai Pallas, Malakand, Buner, Mansehra, Battagram, Torghar, Abbottabad, Galliyat and Haripur from 16th to 19th January with occasional gaps.
- **Afterwards, moderate to heavy rain-wind/ thunderstorm with snowfall** is mostly likely over Chitral (Upper & Lower), Dir (Upper & Lower), Swat, Shangla, Kohistan (Upper, Lower), Kolai Pallas, Malakand, Buner, Mansehra, Battagram, Torghar, Abbottabad and Galliyat from 20th to 23rd January with occasional gaps.
- **Fairly widespread to widespread rain-wind/ thunderstorm** is very likely over Swabi, Mardan, Charsadda, Nowshera, Peshawar, Kohat, Khyber, Orakzai, Karak, Bannu, North & South (Upper & Lower) Waziristan, Lakki Marwat, Tank and DI Khan from 20th to 23rd January with occasional gaps.

Possible Impacts:

- **Heavy Snowfall** may cause road closure/slippery conditions in Naran, Kaghan, Dir, Swat, Kalam, Chitral, Kohistan, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Shangla and Galliyat during the forecast period.
- Possibility of **landslides/ avalanches** in hilly areas of upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the period.
- **Foggy conditions** are very likely to prevail in plain areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa after the passage of the weather system.
- **Daytime temperatures** are likely to drop significantly during the period.

It is therefore requested to kindly take all precautionary measures in order to avoid/minimize human losses and/or any damages to infrastructure and livestock. Furthermore, all concerned authorities are requested to take the following safety measures:

- a) Local administrations to assess and plan deployment of additional resources and exercise control over traffic leading to and in vicinity of vulnerable/ choke points/ tourist spots/ attractions and securing (by physical means and keeping people away) from loose structure such as buildings under constructions, advertisement hoardings, electric poles, solar panels etc. to prevent losses/damages and save precious lives.
- b) Main/ linked roads shall be kept clear and open.
- c) Uninterrupted water supply shall be ensured.
- d) Ensure sufficient quantity of daily food and other commodities.
- e) Petrol pumps shall be kept functional with sufficient fuel availability for public;
- f) Advice concerned with keeping monitoring on Rivers, Streams, Local/ Barsati Nullahs.
- g) Ensure that drainage systems are clear of debris and obstacles to facilitate the efficient flow of water and minimize the risk of urban flooding.



- h) Coordinates with relevant municipal administrations to ensure mitigation & preparedness measures for landslides/ urban flooding and to secure or remove billboards/ hoardings because of wind/ thunderstorm.
- i) Farmers to be advised to take all necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to safeguard their crops, i.e., timely harvesting, safe storage, or any other precaution from adverse effects of wind/ thunderstorm.
- j) Cattle/ sheep herders to be advised to undertake necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to protect their livestock, i.e., safe sheltering or any other precaution from adverse effects of wind/ thunderstorm.
- k) Travelers on Provincial & National Highways in at-risk / affected areas be forewarned of adverse conditions and detoured to safe waiting areas under the guidance of respective local authorities, national highway & motorway police, LEAs, etc.
- l) The general public is advised to seek shelter in safe areas such as sturdy buildings or underground structures during wind/ thunderstorm, snowfall, and avoid objects that pose a risk of failing or being struck by lightning.
- m) Ensure availability of emergency services personnel and equipment in areas at high risk of urban flooding, flash flooding, snowfall and landslides.
- n) Ensure immediate stocking of basic commodities, including paramedics & medicine, especially in regions that are likely to get cut off during landslides.
- o) 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.
- p) Travelers/tourists are advised to:-
 - Plan travels to picnic and tourist spots, considering weather and traffic conditions.
 - Avoid overcrowding picnic and tourist spots and ensure personal safety.
 - Properly dispose of garbage at designated areas to prevent clogging of drainage systems.
 - Keep children away from rivers/ nullahs/ pot holes/ drainage lines to avoid accidents.
 - Carry sufficient drinking water, food supplies, medicines, and power banks, as prolonged road blockage and delays are possible during snowfall.
 - Wear proper winter clothing and insulated footwear, and carry additional warm layers, gloves, and waterproof jackets.
 - Maintain safe distance (minimum 20 feet) from rivers, streams, and nullahs, as sudden water rise may occur.
 - Avoid walking or driving through flooded areas — just 6 inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
 - Avoid trekking, hiking, or camping during heavy rains/ snowfall — the risk of landslides, slippery trails, and flash floods increases.
 - Avoid self-driving in unfamiliar or hilly areas during rain/ snowfall — opt for local drivers who know the terrain.
 - Do not attempt to cross bridges or roads submerged in water — they may be damaged or unstable.
 - Cooperate with locals and district authorities, rescue agencies during emergencies or weather disruptions.
- q) Ensure a proactive approach by diverting traffic, providing alternate routes, imposing movement/travel restrictions, to avert any situation of road closure with stranded travelers in light of forecasted weather.
- r) Ensure round-the-clock monitoring of the situation through Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs).
- s) In case of any occurrence, updates may kindly be shared with PEOC PDMA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, i.e., active round the clock via toll-free helpline 1700.

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