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Heavy Rainfall Forecast Across Pakistan, Risk of Floods and Landslides



ISLAMABAD (News Desk) Heavy to very heavy rainfall and thunderstorms are expected across different regions of Pakistan during the next 24 hours, raising concerns of flash floods, urban flooding, and landslides in vulnerable areas.

Islamabad:

The federal capital is likely to receive heavy to very heavy rainfall/thunderstorms with occasional gaps.

Punjab:

Most parts of Punjab will face widespread rainfall/thunderstorms. Potohar and northeastern districts, including Rawalpindi, Jhelum, Chakwal, Attock, Lahore, Gujranwala, Sialkot, Gujrat, Narowal, Hafizabad, and Mandi Bahauddin, are forecast to receive heavy to very heavy rainfall, heightening the risk of urban flooding. Central and southern districts, such as Multan, D.G. Khan, Rajanpur, Layyah, Bhakkar, and Sahiwal, will see scattered thunderstorms. Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, and Rahim Yar Khan may get isolated light rainfall.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP):

Northern and upper districts including Swat, Buner, Shangla, Dir, Mansehra, Battagram, Abbottabad, and Malakand will likely face heavy spells, with flash floods and landslides possible in hilly terrain. The Peshawar Valley, Peshawar, covering Charsadda, Nowshera, Mardan, and Swabi, will see scattered thunderstorms. Southern KP districts such as D.I. Khan, Tank, Bannu, Lakki Marwat, Karak, and Kohat can expect rainfall/thunderstorms scattered occasional heavy falls.

Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK):

Muzaffarabad, including Districts Rawalakot, Bagh, Haveli, Kotli, Mirpur, and Bhimber are expected to receive heavy rainfall thunderstorms, possibly triggering landslides and flash floods in hilly areas.

Gilgit-Baltistan (GB):

Isolated rainfall is expected in Gilgit, Skardu, Hunza, Ghizer, Diamer, Astore, Ghanche, and Shigar. Rainfall may cause debris flows, landslides, and local flooding in valleys.

Sindh:

Coastal districts including Karachi, Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, and Tharparkar will likely experience intervals of showers or thunderstorms. Central and upper Sindh districts including Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Dadu, Khairpur, Sukkur, Ghotki, Larkana, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, and Kashmore may see isolated to scattered moderate to heavy rainfall under hot and humid conditions.

Balochistan:

Eastern, southeastern, and coastal districts such as Lasbela, Khuzdar, Awaran, Kalat, Gwadar, Turbat, and Panjgur are expected to receive scattered rainfall and thunderstorms. Northern and central parts including Quetta, Ziarat, Zhob, Loralai, Barkhan, Musa Khel, Dera Bugti, and Kohlu may experience isolated light rainfall.



Islamabad: Chairman NDMA Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik held media brief on current monsoon situation at NDMA HQs

UAF Observes National Tree Plantation Day with Awareness Walk and Drive

FAISALABAD (News Desk) The University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) marked National Tree Plantation Day with an awareness walk and tree plantation drive at the campus. The event was organized by the Department of Forestry and Range Management in collaboration with the Green Youth Movement Club. The walk commenced from Faculty of Agriculture was ended at Admin block. In his message, UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zulfiqar Ali said that tree plantation is not just an activity but it is our national and moral responsibility to safeguard our environment for the future generations. He said that every individual must play his role in making country greener and cleaner. He said that tree plantation must become a regular feature of our lives to ensure long-term environmental benefits. Dean Social Sciences Dr Babar Shehbaz, Dean Vertinary Sciences, Dean Food Sciences Dr Imran Pasha, Dr Shahid Mahmood, Dr Ahmad Sattar, Registrat Dr Asif Kamran, Chairman Forestry Dr Irfan Ahmad, Director CABB Dr Bushra Sadia, Chairman Entomology Dr Waseem Akram, Dr Nadeem Abbas, Chairman Plant Pathology Dr Abdul Rehman, Dr Fahad Rashid, Dr Naveed Farah, Dr Shakeel Ahmad, Dr Asif, Dr Haroon Rashid, Dr Muhammad Farrukh, Librarian Umar Farooq, Principal Officer Jahanzaib Tariq and other notables | Maria, and their teams. He further directed attended. They said that increasing greenery is essential to combat climate changes and protect biodiversity. They said that students are the real ambassador of the change who can spread awareness through such kind of campaigns about sustainable living. They said that every plant we grow today is an investment in the well-being of our future generations. They said that we should encourage everyone in our surroundings to adopt tree plantation as a regular habit.



Pakistan Envoy in UAE Expresses Grief Over Flood Tragedy, Postpones Independence Day Celebrations

ABU DHABI (News Desk) August 17, 2025 – Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Pakistan's Envoy to the UAE, has expressed deep sorrow and heartfelt condolences on the tragic loss of lives and devastation caused by the recent floods across various parts of Pakistan, including the districts of Buner, Swat, Bajaur, Shangla, Mansehra, as well as in Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. The Ambassador described the calamity as a grave trial not only for the affected families but for the entire nation. He called upon the Pakistani community in the UAE to stand shoulder to shoulder with their countrymen in this difficult time, to share their grief, and to extend all possible assistance to those affected. In a gesture of solidarity with the victims and their families, Ambassador Tirmizi announced the postponement of the Independence Day celebrations scheduled to be held in the UAE. "May Allah Almighty grant eternal peace to the departed souls and strength and patience to the bereaved families,"the Ambassador prayed.

Federal Reserve Police Conduct Rescue, Relief Operations in Flood-Hit Swat

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) August On the instructions of Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, teams of the Federal Reserve Police are actively participating in rescue and relief operations for flood victims in Swat. Under the leadership of Commandant Riaz Nazir Gara, the force's teams are engaged in rescue and relief work across various affected areas. Led by District Officer Federal Reserve



numerous victims, while medical teams of the force are providing first aid to the injured. Acting on the Interior Minister's directives, the Federal Reserve Police teams have shifted flood victims to safe locations. Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi appreciated the resolve and commitment of Commandant Riaz Nazir Gara, District Officer Swat that proper accommodation and provision of three meals a day be ensured for the affected families. The Interior Minister said that in this testing time, the personnel of the Federal Reserve Police are standing shoulder to shoulder with their brothers and sisters in distress, emphasizing that the victims must be cared for like family

Nationwide Tree Plantation Drive to Begin on August 18 for a Greener Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) August 17, 2025 The 18th of August marks the launch of a nationwide tree plantation drive at a time when Pakistan faces the harsh realities of climate change. The well-being and progress of any nation are grounded in the preservation of its forests and natural environment. Deforestation, rising temperatures, and frequent floods are challenges affecting millions of lives. With insufficient forest cover leaving the land vulnerable to disasters that endanger the economy, agriculture, and well-being, this campaign is not symbolic—it is an important step to safeguard Pakistan's future. Trees are the lifeline of the environment and one of the strongest defenses against climate change. They clean the air we breathe, enrich the soil that feeds us, regulate our climate, conserve water resources, and provide shelter to countless species. Trees lower extreme temperatures, absorb rainwater, and reduce floods and landslides. Every tree planted is a shield against disaster and a source of life for generations.