

*NDMA Issues Fresh Flood Warning As Monsoon Rains Lash Punjab, KP And AJK*



ISLAMABAD (News Desk) – The seventh spell of the monsoon has brought a new wave of heavy rainfall across Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, triggering urban flooding in several areas and raising fears of flash floods. Sindh’s Tharparkar district recorded one of the heaviest downpours, with 112 mm of rain reported in Diplo overnight. Poor drainage left major roads, including Allah Wala Chowk, Badin Stop and Taluka Hospital Road, submerged. The Diplo Municipal Committee chairman said pumping machines were being used to remove stagnant water. In Azad Kashmir’s Neelum Valley, intermittent rain continued across Athmuqam, Jagran Valley, Upper Neelum, Lawat Bala, Sharda, Arang Kel, Grace and Shounter Valleys. The authorities said road restoration work is underway in flood-hit areas, and the main Neelum Highway up to Taobat has been reopened for all kinds of traffic. In Punjab, Multan, Jhang and Kabirwala received showers that turned the weather pleasant, while Chakwal city and adjoining areas witnessed continuous heavy rainfall for three hours. The downpour caused multiple feeders to trip, leading to power outages, and inundated low-lying areas in Kallar Kahar. The Chakwal district administration has issued a flood alert, advising residents to stay away from streams and water channels. Showers also continued intermittently in Khanewal, Kot Addu, Sargodha and Vehari. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Buner district—already among the worst-hit by recent rains—was lashed again, disrupting relief operations. The authorities warned that temporary bridges connecting affected villages could be washed away. In Peshawar, heavy rainfall flooded homes on Kohat Road, Gulabad Nothia and Charsadda Road, while localities including Phando, Zaryab Colony, Gulberg and Faqirabad No. 2 were also submerged. In Mardan, floodwaters entered homes and shops, with residents complaining that poor drainage left water standing on roads.

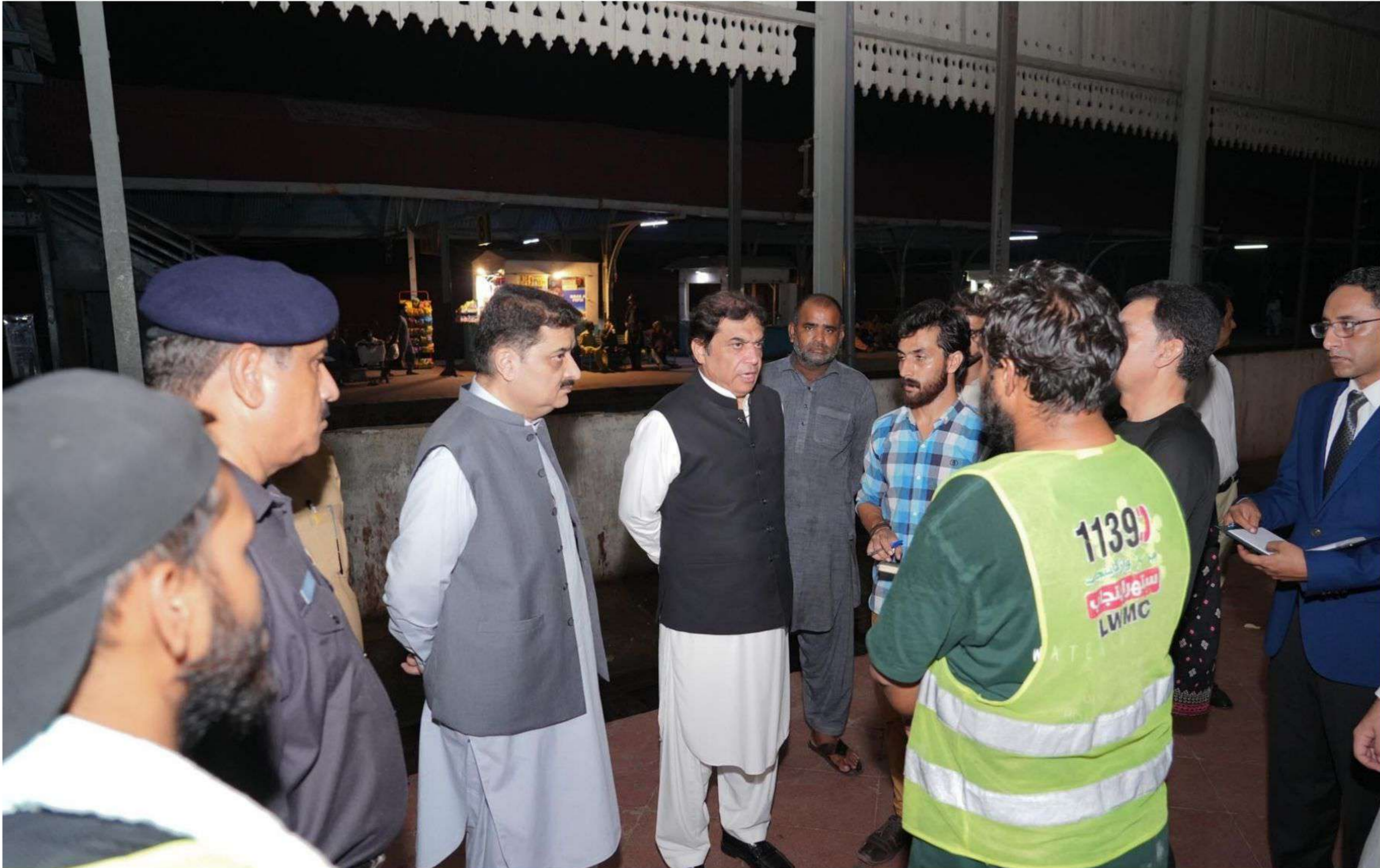
*UAE Marks World Humanitarian Day, Pledges Support For Vulnerable*

ABU DHABI (News Desk) – The UAE will commemorate World Humanitarian Day tomorrow, reiterating its pivotal role in providing timely assistance to those affected by crises worldwide. By mid-2024, the country’s foreign aid had supported over one billion people, valued at more than AED368 billion. This year’s occasion comes as the UAE leads international efforts to aid victims of wars and conflicts, particularly the brotherly Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip. According to United Nations reports, Emirati aid accounted for 44 percent of the total international assistance delivered to the Gaza Strip. To date, the UAE has carried out 73 airdrop operations under its "Birds of Goodness" initiative, part of "Operation Chivalrous Knight 3". The total aid airdropped has exceeded 3,988 tonnes, including food and essential supplies.

*Musadik Malik Says PM Ordered Ministers' Deployment In Flood-hit Regions To Lead Relief*



ISLAMABAD (News Desk) Federal Minister for Climate Change Musadik Malik said on Monday that all federal ministers have been directed to immediately move to flood-affected regions in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir to personally supervise relief and recovery operations. “The Prime Minister has ordered that ministers be on the ground to coordinate efforts,” Malik said while addressing a press conference in Islamabad. Flanked by Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar and National Disaster Management Authority Chairman Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik, the climate minister said every minister will be responsible for ensuring that electricity, water supply, and road networks are restored quickly in the affected areas. He added that major highways would be reopened within 24 hours , while special teams were working to fix disrupted power grids and water systems. “Our goal is to ensure that every federal resource reaches those who need it most,”Malik emphasized. He pledged immediate relief and long-term support for flood-hit communities, assuring that no distinction would be made between federal and provincial responsibilities in tackling the crisis. Expressing condolences to those who lost loved ones, homes, or livelihoods, Malik said, “No one can truly compensate for such losses, but the federal government will do its utmost, alongside the provinces, to restore homes and support the affected families.” Highlighting Pakistan’s vulnerability to climate change, Malik noted that the country emits less than one percent of global carbon yet suffers severe consequences, from glacier melting to cloudbursts and flash floods. He criticized the international imbalance, pointing out that the top seven or eight polluting nations produce nearly 75 percent of emissions but also receive 85 percent of global climate financing, calling it “clear hypocrisy.”The minister revealed that a fully integrated early warning and weather prediction system is being developed with the help of NDMA to provide timely alerts and save lives. He urged provincial governments to relocate vulnerable communities living along riverbanks and mountain streams, warning that flash floods descending from mountains carry destructive force. Malik also assured the public that future infrastructure and development projects would be delivered “on time, on budget, and with quality,” under strict monitoring to prevent delays seen in past projects.



*Minister for railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi conducts surprize visit to Lahore railway station, interacts with passengers in Lahore*

*Rescue 1122 Tackles 181 Emergencies Last Week*

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (News Desk) – The emergency service of district Lakki Marwat – Rescue 1122 – tackled 181 emergencies over the last week. According to the spokesman, the emergencies included 136 medical cases, 25 road accidents, and 15 fighting or bullet injury-related incidents. He said that during these operations, 209 patients were safely shifted to hospitals after being provided first aid on the spot. The service also received a total of 3,267 emergency calls, out of which 1,898 turned out to be irrelevant or fake. Rescue 1122 also successfully managed 37 inter-district emergency transfers, ensuring patients were shifted from one district to another. During these referral-related emergencies, a total of 44 patients benefited from rescue services, the spokesman added.

*Climate Change Crisis To Be Addressed Through Cooperation, Foresight To Future: Nepales President*

KATHMANDU (News Desk) – President of Nepal Ramchandra Paudel on Monday said that with the support of parliamentarians, cooperation, and foresight for the future, it would be possible to address the common crises of climate change, biodiversity loss, and air pollution. Inaugurating the two-day Hindu Kush Himalaya Parliamentarians’ Meet in Kathmandu, he said the event marked “the beginning of a roadmap for the present and a commitment for the future.”Around 70 parliamentarians—mainly chairs, co-chairs, and members of parliamentary committees on environment and climate—gathered from across the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region to foster collaboration on pressing climate, environmental, and development issues. President Paudel stressed that climate change, biodiversity loss, and air pollution have moved beyond scientific reports and become harsh realities of daily life. He called the meeting a historic opportunity to demonstrate strong commitment towards safeguarding the Himalaya’s mountains, forests, rivers, and atmosphere, which sustain more than two billion people. Highlighting that the HKH region is warming faster than the global average, he warned of accelerated glacial melting, floods, and landslides devastating communities downstream. He underlined the need for full implementation of the Paris Agreement, especially limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C, and urged timely, people-centered, and science-based policies on climate change, biodiversity, and air pollution.

*Pakistan’s 79th Independence Day, Marka-e-Haq Celebrated In Houston, Texas, With Patriotic Fervour*

WASHINGTON (News Desk) – The Pakistani-American community in Houston, Texas, marked Pakistan’s 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm at the ACT Pakistan Festival 2025, themed “Marka-e-Haq.” Pakistan’s Ambassador to the United States, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, lauded Pakistan’s armed forces for safeguarding national sovereignty and stressed that a strong economy is vital for impregnable defence. He highlighted the country’s economic turnaround under Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, noting international recognition. The Ambassador also termed Pak-U.S. relations as being on a “positive and upward trajectory” and praised the diaspora for strengthening bilateral ties.The celebration featured cultural performances, a documentary on Pakistan’s history, a fashion show of traditional attire, a children’s activity zone, and a mango-tasting corner. Turkish Airlines added excitement with a lucky draw offering round-trip tickets and a hospitality package in Istanbul. A special proclamation from Houston Mayor John Whitmire was also read out, while Consul General Muhammad Aftab Chaudhry and community leaders played a key role in organizing the successful event.

*Sultan Bin Ahmed Al Qasimi Visits Opera House In Cairo's New Administrative Capital*



CAIRO, (News Desk) – H.H. Sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, visited the Opera House located in the City of Arts and Culture in Egypt's New Administrative Capital. This venue is considered the largest cultural and artistic landmark in the Middle East. H.H. Sheikh Sultan toured the building's halls, admiring its unique designs and historic hand-painted murals. He was also briefed on its various facilities, which include the halls for the opera, music, and drama theatres, as well as training rooms and backstage areas. The main hall can seat 2,200 people across four levels and is equipped to host world-class performances, such as orchestras, rhythmic ballet, opera, and international circuses. It features two movable towers to provide additional space. H.H. the Deputy Ruler of Sharjah also saw the music hall, which accommodates 1,200 spectators on three levels. Designed to the highest international standards, it is equipped with the latest advanced technology to support performing orchestras. The hall also features a pipe organ with 4,044 pipes, capable of playing all types of music and using technology to absorb loud, non-musical sounds. He then visited the drama hall, which seats 650 people on two levels. Designed for dramatic performances, plays, and talk shows, the hall is outfitted with advanced technology, including multi-language translation.