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Dated Peshawar the 17th July, 2026

To

The Deputy Commissioner,

1. Chitral Upper
2. Chitral Lower
3. Dir Upper
4. Swat
5. Bar-Swat
6. Kohistan Upper
7. Kohistan Lower
8. Mansehra

Subject: GLOF ALERT

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Research & Development Division, Islamabad, has informed that a westerly weather system is likely to approach northern areas of Pakistan from **19th July, 2026**. The interaction between the incoming westerly and the prevailing monsoon system may result in moderate to heavy rain/ thundershowers over isolated locations in **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa** till **25th July, 2026**. The combined effect of higher day time temperature of glaciated valleys with anticipated precipitation may significantly accelerate snow and ice melt in glaciated valleys of the region. Consequently, river flows are expected to increase and water levels in vulnerable streams may rise rapidly. Existing glacial lakes may experience a rapid increase in water levels, while the formation of new supraglacial lakes is also possible due to enhanced meltwater accumulation. Under these conditions, the likelihood of Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) events, flash floods and localized flooding is expected to increase significantly in vulnerable valleys.

Possible Impacts:

- Vulnerable downstream locations and low-lying areas adjacent to riverbeds may face a high risk of sudden inundation.
- Flash flooding is likely in vulnerable catchments and narrow valleys.
- The rapid expansion of glacial lakes can destabilize their natural ice or moraine dams, potentially triggering GLOF incidents.
- The thawing of permafrost, combined with excess surface water, can trigger heavy mud and debris flows down mountain slopes.
- An increase in the likelihood of landslides in steep terrains.

In view of the above weather conditions, you are requested to kindly take all necessary precautionary measures to avoid any loss of life/ livestock and damages to infrastructure/ crops. Furthermore, all concerned authorities are requested to take the following safety measures:



- a) **Undertake proactive monitoring and surveillance** of vulnerable GLOF Sites in order to ensure timely early warning and response.
- b) To conduct **evacuation drills** in at-risk communities in order to ensure full preparedness.
- c) To ensure that safe **evacuation sites** are fully stocked and ready for utilization in case of any eventuality
- d) **To alert** population residing in low lying areas.
- e) Ensure that **local community** of at-risk/ vulnerable areas is forewarned.
- f) Ensure the **availability of Emergency/ Rescue Services personnel and C&W/ equivalent departments** during the period.
- g) **Pre-place necessary emergency equipment** for rapid response in case of any eventuality.
- h) **Mass awareness campaign** for general public on GLOFs in at risk areas covering following aspects: -
 - i. Avoid proximity to riverbanks and stream beds during the heatwave period.
 - ii. Avoid unnecessary movement in such areas, especially the discharge nullahs / streams and rivers.
 - iii. Risk, consequences and danger of washing away of vehicles in fast-flowing water channels.
 - iv. Monitor local nullahs for sudden changes in water color (muddiness) or unusual sounds (grinding rocks)
 - v. Alerting general masses living in low-lying areas to exercise extra caution including community-based alert system.
 - vi. Secure livestock and essentials in higher safe grounds
 - vii. Coordinate closely with community Based Disaster Risk Management Committees (CBDRMCs)
 - viii. Maintain active communication links with technical focal persons in remote valleys.
 - ix. Evacuation plan of at-risk community and its timely evacuation.
 - x. Refrain from camping, trekking, or staying near riverbanks, streams, glacial lakes and narrow mountain valleys.
- i) **Tourists/ Travelers** in at-risk/ vulnerable areas be forewarned of risk and advised to avoid any unnecessary travel.
- j) **Coordinate with Concerned Departments (NHA, FWO and C&W)** for the timely restoration of roads/ bridges in case of any blockage, obstruction/ closures and damage.
- k) In case of heightened risk, controlled breaching of vulnerable GLOF sites may be coordinated with the concerned departments, to prevent sudden outburst events
- l) In-case of any eventuality, routine updates will be shared with PEOC, PDMA i.e., active round the clock via toll free helpline 1700.



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