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**PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT**

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**MOST URGENT
BY FAX**

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HEAT WAVE – ALERT

Subject: **SEVERE HEAT WAVE CONDITIONS PREDICTED DURING THE NEXT WEEK**

Met Office has informed that high pressure is likely to grip upper atmosphere from **Sunday**. Due to this high pressure day temperatures are likely to increase gradually in most parts of the country from **Sunday**.

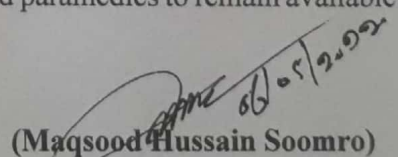
- Day temperatures are likely to remain 06-08°C above normal in **Upper and Central Sindh**, Central and South Punjab and parts of Balochistan.

POSSIBLE IMPACTS:

- Very hot and dry weather may cause water stress on water reservoirs, crops, vegetable and orchards.
- High temperature may cause increased energy demand.
- High temperatures may increase the base flow in the rivers during the next week.
- Farmers are advised to manage crop water accordingly.
- General public is advised to avoid unnecessary exposure to direct sunlight.

Keeping above in view, it is recommended that concerned DDMA's and other Relevant Authorities / Stakeholders take all necessary mitigation measures including:

- (a) Establishment of **Heatstroke Stabilization Centers / Relief Centers** at Government and Private Hospitals, Basic / Rural Health Units (B/RHUs), any available government buildings and community centers with generator based electricity and **assured provision / availability of water**.
- (b) **Improve coordination** with emergency services, also between various departments.
- (c) Enhance **awareness campaign** to educate the public on preventive measures.
- (d) Establishment of **helpline to address needs of affected people** at priority basis
- (e) Assist general public in **provision of water and necessary emergency medicines** for heat stroke victims.
- (f) **Stockpile necessary emergency relief / medicine** stores in drought-affected areas.
- (g) Authorities to **take appropriate water conservation measures** in both urban and rural areas.
- (h) Ensure availability of **uninterrupted power supply** through intimate coordination with concerned departments and provision / **availability of standby generators** for heatstroke centers/hospitals.
- (i) **Emergency services and ambulances** with trained paramedics to remain available around the clock, especially during daytime.
- (j) Travelers be apprised about weather forecast.


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A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to:

1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department, Karachi.
2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Agriculture Department, Karachi.



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3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Livestock & Fisheries Department, Karachi.
4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Local Government Department, Karachi (With a request for further dissemination to the DMC's concerned).
5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Information Department, Karachi (With a request for wide publicity through the electronic & print media).
6. The Commissioner (s) All in Sindh
7. The Metropolitan Commissioner, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Karachi.
8. The Deputy Commissioner (s) All in Sindh.
9. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
10. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
11. The Director (Response), National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
12. The Head Quarters ComCoast Karachi.
13. The Head Quarters ComKar, Karachi
14. The Head Quarters, 5 Corps, Karachi.
15. The Chief Executive Officer, KE/HESCO/SEPCO (with a request to ensure availability of uninterrupted power supply for Heatstroke Centers/Hospitals).
16. The Chief Executive, Edhi Foundation, Al Mustafa Welafre Trust, Alamgir Welfare Trust, Khidmat-e-Khaliq Foundation, Paksitan Red Crescent Sindh, Chhipa Welafre Organization (with a request to ensure availability of ambulance at densely populated areas as well as near the established Heat Stroke Centres).
17. The Staff Officer to Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
18. The PS to Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh, for Relief & Rehabilitation Department Government of Sindh, Karachi.
19. The PS to Secretary Rehabilitation Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
20. The PS to Director General, PDMA Sindh, Karachi.