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Subject: **Heat Wave Conditions Across Pakistan (14 – 20 March 2022)**

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), has issued a press release informing that due to a persistent high pressure in the upper atmosphere, the day temperatures are likely to remain unusually high during the current week i.e. from 14 March 2022 (Monday) till 20 March 2022 (Sunday), and details are enclosed at **Annex A**. All PDMA, SDMA, GBDMA and ICT administration is requested to ensure following precautionary measures to avoid any loss of life, damages to crops, animals and infrastructure. PDMA/ DDMA to:-

- a. Alert health/ medical services, paramedics and rescue departments and instruct them to maintain requisite facilities such as heat stroke centres.
 - b. Ensure that general public are aware of the situation and avoid direct exposure to sunlight.
 - c. Coordinate with concerned departments (NHA and FWO) for issuing necessary alerts to travellers, especially over long distance to take precautionary measures to avoid over pressure in tyres and over-heating of vehicles.
 - d. Coordinate with relevant District and Municipal Administrations to ensure that any loose billboards and hoardings are secured from effects of gusty wind.
 - e. Ensure that agriculture farmers are informed of greater requirement of water for standing crops and likely conditions for early harvesting of Wheat in Southern parts of the country.
 - f. Ensure that dairy farmers/ cattle breeders are informed of the situation and arrangement for water under the prevalent circumstances is in place.
 - g. In case of any eventuality, routine updates will be shared with NDMA.
2. **Press Information Department Only**. With the request to ensure wider circulation and public awareness.
 3. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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- Day temperatures in Northern Balochistan, Upper Sindh, South Punjab, Kashmir and adjoining areas will remain **09-10°C above normal**.
- Day temperature in Islamabad, Upper & Central Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan, Lower Sindh and South Balochistan will remain **07-08°C above normal**.

Possible Impacts

- Dry period and heat wave conditions in the country may cause water stress to the standing crops, vegetable and orchards.
- Farmers are advised to manage crop water accordingly.
- Early harvesting of wheat may start in Sindh and South Punjab.
- Unusual high temperatures may cause pollen concentration to rise sharply in Islamabad and Lahore.
- General public is advised to avoid unnecessary exposure to direct sunlight.
- Dust raising/Gusty winds are also expected in North Balochistan, South Punjab and Upper Sindh during the period

Note: All stakeholders are advised to remain ALERT during the forecasted period and undertaken all necessary precautionary measures.