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To

All Deputy Commissioners Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Subject:

DENSE FOGGY CONDITIONS OVER PLAINS WHEREAS COLD WAVE CONDITIONS OVER MOUNTAINOUS AREAS IN THE PROVINCE ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE COMING FEW DAYS.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to state that Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Regional Weather Forecasting Center Peshawar informed that Moderate to Dense foggy conditions are very likely to continue over plain areas including Peshawar, Charsadda, Mardan, Swabi, Nowshera, Haripur, Kohat, Karak, Lakki Marwat, Bannu, D.I Khan, Tank as well as over Motorway (M1) and Highways whereas, cold wave conditions are also very likely to continue over mountainous areas including Chitral (Upper & Lower), Dir (Upper & Lower), Swat, Malakand, Shangla, Buner, Abbottabad, Battagram, Kohistan, Mansehra, Torghar, Hangu etc.

Possible Impacts:

- Day temperatures (Maximum Temperatures) are likely to drop from 3 to 5°C due to foggy conditions.
- · Flight, Railways and Highways/Motorways operations may be disrupted.
- Exposure to a foggy environment may cause health issues.
- · Temperatures are likely to fall significantly after the wet spell.

It is therefore, requested to kindly take all precautionary measures in order to avoid any untoward situation. Furthermore, all concerned authorities requested to take following safety measures:

- Travelers are advised to remain cautious and avoid necessary travelling during foggy days.
- · Tourists to be informed about weather forecast.
- Availability of all emergency services staff/ machineries and other resources.
- NH&MP and Traffic Police to coordinate with Law Enforcement Agencies to manage and redirect traffic in affected areas to prevent congestion and facilitate emergency response efforts.
- NH&MP and Traffic Police to issue Smog/ Fog advisories and maintain traffic control at Smog/ Fog peak hours.
- Advise farmers to take necessary mitigative and precautionary measures to safeguard their crops through timely harvesting, safe storage or any other precaution from adverse effects of likely significant drop in temperatures.
- Ensure widespread circulation of alerts and advisories, especially in local languages, to raise awareness and sensitize travelers / tourists and local communities.
- In case of any occurrence, updates may kindly be shared with PEOC-PDMA i.e., active round the clock via helpline 1700.

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