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PRESIDENT MESSAGE NATIONAL RESILIENCE DAY 8 OCTOBER, 2024



Today we are observing National Resilience Day, which reminds us of the devastating earthquake of October 8, 2005, that claimed thousands of lives. The destruction it brought to our cities and villages remains etched in our memory. However, amid this catastrophe, our nation displayed an unparalleled spirit of resilience and unity and generously helped the affected people.

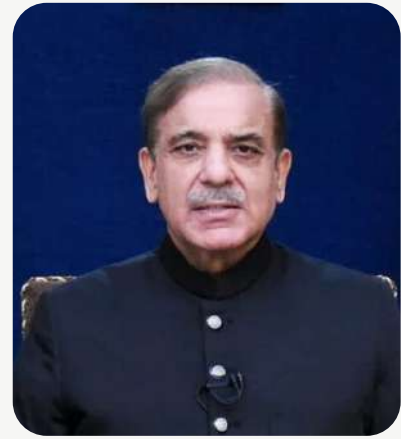
Today, I also wish to extend my deepest gratitude to the international community, friendly countries, civil society, welfare and charity organizations that extended their invaluable support in the aftermath of this earthquake. Their support and solidarity not only helped us rebuild our roads, education, health and other infrastructure but also gave hope to the affected people, enabling them to rebuild their lives. In recent years, the looming threat of climate change has made Pakistan more vulnerable to natural disasters. Rising temperatures, unpredictable weather patterns, and extreme weather events such as floods, droughts, heatwaves, and landslides pose a potential threat to the infrastructure and lives of our people.

As the frequency and intensity of climate-related calamities has increased in Pakistan, it has become essential to invest in the capacity building of our national and provincial disaster management authorities and enhance their disaster preparedness. We need to equip our relevant institutions with the latest technologies, expertise, and resources to effectively respond to emerging challenges. Improving early warning systems, enhancing coordination among national and provincial authorities, and adopting modern disaster mitigation strategies should be our key priorities to timely respond to threats.

Additionally, we must focus on constructing climate-resilient infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of climate change. We also need to educate our people to about disaster risk management, and mitigation, and actively engage our communities promote a culture of disaster preparedness.

This National Resilience Day reminds us that Pakistani nation has displayed extraordinary resilience in the face of challenges and has always emerged stronger. I am sure that if we continue to work with the spirit of unity and resilience, we can overcome the challenges facing our country.

PRIME MINISTER MESSAGE NATIONAL RESILIENCE DAY 8 OCTOBER, 2024



Pakistan's saga is of immense resolve and demonstrated ability to resurface amidst catastrophes and national crises, induced by Climate Change and environmental hazards. Momentous day of 8 Oct 2005 earthquake reminds us of the great tragedy that befell upon Pakistan and our heartfelt prayers goes to all those who endured loss of lives and properties. The Flood 2022 was a mega disaster surpassing all past record. Pakistan is facing immense impact of climate change despite not being responsible for it. Frequent recurrence of unpredictable extreme events have given devastating blow to our struggling economy. I feel contended that Pakistan NDMA has changed national response, towards such natural calamities, by proactively working at reducing vulnerability to disasters and providing coping mechanisms and framework for effective disaster management.

NDMA's National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) is unparalleled in its capacities and management of national disasters. NEOC is founded on high end technology inputs to create disasters early warnings much ahead of time - saving lives and infrastructure. Preparedness through proactive mechanisms will provide maximized readiness time and help reducing losses to economy from huge stresses I recommend all stakeholders to seek synergy through greater and refined understanding of each other's strengths and capacity limitations, achieving maximized interoperability amongst local, zonal, national, global, military and private sectors. Whole of society approach is required; balancing shared and joint equitable response amongst public, private and international support bases, besides enabling state and people to be able to help themselves with or without external support. Frequent coordination, development of contingency plans and risk communication to farthest communities is critical for national resilience.

National Resilience Day persuade us to embrace best practices and implement policies and strategies aimed at fortifying our nation's resilience. Our policy initiatives should encompass various sectors, including safe development of infrastructure, improved disaster preparedness, poverty alleviation, safer spatial land use planning, adherence to building codes, efficient water resource management, sound agricultural practices, and increased afforestation nationwide, including coastal areas.

I urge all Federal and Provincial stakeholders to collaborate closely to reduce disaster risks, enhance preparedness and establish swift response mechanism through usage of latest technology. We need to hold welfare of the vulnerable segments at priority.

On this occasion, I express our gratitude for the valuable help provided by international community, civil society, and private philanthropy in bolstering our national response efforts during 2022 floods disaster.

People of Pakistan have a history of philanthropy and generosity in times of crises and their response during the earthquake of 2005 and floods of 2022 are vivid examples of their benevolence. By grace of Allah we have always fought, and continue to fight through all such calamities with help of our brave Pakistani brethren and sisters.

May Allah guide and help us in building a strong and resilient Pakistan.

National Resilience Day

8 October, 2024

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) marked National Resilience Day with a full-day event at the National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC), NDMA Headquarters. This annual observance reflects Pakistan's solidarity with the victims of the 2005 earthquake and all those affected by past disasters, while reaffirming the nation's unwavering commitment to advancing disaster preparedness and building resilience against future crises.



Chairman NDMA, Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik, emphasized Pakistan's National Vision for Proactive Disaster Management, highlighting the transformative shift from a reactive to a proactive disaster management approach. He highlighted the establishment of state-of-the-art National Emergencies Operation Center, inaugurated by the Prime Minister on October 5, 2023, which is equipped by cutting-edge satellite feeds, advanced software, and AI tools. He apprised that the NEOC developed a futuristic National Common Operating Picture (NCOP), which enhances digital risk assessments, early warning systems, and preparedness strategies to safeguard Pakistan's future.

The event also featured messages by NDMA's global partners addressing critical issues for Pakistan's resilience, climate change and opportunities for Pakistan to explore COP29 avenue in November 2024.

This year's National Resilience Day brought together government officials, experts, and key stakeholders, generating meaningful discussions on climate finance, gender equality, and national resilience. The event reinforced Pakistan's dedication to building a more sustainable and resilient future, honoring the memory of disaster victims while focusing on forward-looking strategies to protect the nation.

National Resilience Day

8 October, 2024



INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Conference

28 - 29 October, 2024



INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Islamabad covered key topics to strengthen disaster response. With discussions on the 2024 work plans, governance review, Accountability & Compliance, Classification, and the Global Strategy 2026-2030, we're setting a roadmap for effective disaster management. Local and international leaders, UN agencies, NGOs, and partners joined hands to advance preparedness, capacity-building, and collaborative frameworks for our region's resilience.

INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 28 - 29 October, 2024



US Military Delegation led by Maj Gen Charles Kemper Visited NEOC

17 October, 2024



Today, a US Military delegation led by Maj Gen Charles Kemper, Comanding General Task Force Spartan visited National EmergenciOperation Center (NEOC) at NDMA Headquarters, Islamabad.

Chairman NDMA, Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik, briefed the delegation on NEOC's operational capabilities, highlighting our commitment to managing and responding to disasters with state-of-the-art technologies and coordinated efforts. This visit is a testament to the continued collaboration between the US and Pakistan in building resilience and enhancing disaster response mechanisms.

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Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal Visited NEOC

11 October, 2024

On the instructions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the National Emergency Operations Center (NE) at the NDMA headquarters on Friday to provide humanitarian assistance to the war-torn people of Gaza and Lebanon in the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). OC) National Conference was held. The conference was chaired by the Federal Minister for Planning and Special Measures Mr. Ahsan Iqbal.



Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal stressed the urgent need to provide aid to the affected population in view of the ongoing war situation in Palestine and Lebanon and the needs of the people there. He reiterated the Government of Pakistan's commitment to help the people in distress and emphasized the importance of the cooperation of humanitarian organizations and the people of Pakistan to enhance these efforts. The event also featured messages by NDMA's global partners addressing critical issues for Pakistan's resilience, climate change and opportunities for Pakistan to explore COP29 avenue in November 2024.

The participants of the meeting reiterated their unwavering support and solidarity with the war-torn people of Gaza and Lebanon and expressed their full commitment to continue their welfare efforts and on behalf of the Ministers and participants NDMA, Ministry of External Affairs, Armed Forces And the efforts of welfare organizations were appreciated.

Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal Visited NEOC 11 October, 2024



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According to the instructions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, aid is being sent to the war-torn people of Lebanon on welfare basis. On the instructions of the Prime Minister, NDMA organized a special flight for 79 Pakistanis stranded in Lebanon on October 9, 2024, which arrived at Karachi's Jinnah International Airport. Sindh Governor Kamran Tasuri, Federal Minister Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and Provincial Industries Minister Jam Ikramullah Dehrijo welcomed the Pakistanis coming from Lebanon.



Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar held a meeting with NDMA on Pakistan's humanitarian assistance plan for affected people of Gaza and Middle East. He commended NDMA's valuable contributions and directed the continuation of humanitarian aid efforts by Government of Pakistan, aligning with the All Parties Conference declaration of October 7, 2024.

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On the directives of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) continues to provide humanitarian aid to the war-affected people of Gaza and Lebanon. This aid shipment, sent by NDMA in collaboration with Al-Khidmat Foundation, comprises approximately 100 tons of supplies, including medicines, ready-to-eat meat, tents, tarpaulins, warm bedding, winter clothing, and powdered milk. The aid was dispatched via flight from Jinnah International Airport, Karachi, to Beirut, Lebanon.



A high-level coordination meeting was held today at National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to review and plan Pakistan's ongoing humanitarian relief efforts for the war-affected populations of Gaza and Lebanon. The meeting was co-chaired by Federal Minister Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, and Chairman NDMA, Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik. Senior officials from the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NDMA were also present at the meeting in Islamabad, while the Ambassadors of Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq participated via Zoom.

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On the instructions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has dispatched the 13th consignment of emergency aid to the war-torn people of Gaza and Lebanon. The 100 tons of relief supplies include winter tents and blankets. On the instructions of the Prime Minister, a relief shipment has been dispatched from Islamabad International Airport to Amman (Jordan) for the people of Gaza.



On the direction of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) continues to provide humanitarian aid to the war-torn people of Gaza and Lebanon. On Sunday, it has been sent from Karachi to Lebanon. The relief consignment sent by NDMA with the support of Al-Khidmat Foundation contains 17 tons of goods including medicines, ready-made food, tents, warm clothes and dry milk. Sent to Lebanon.

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On the instructions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has dispatched two more consignments of emergency aid to the war-torn people of Gaza and Lebanon. Today the 15th and 16th emergency relief supplies were dispatched from Islamabad by two convoys of NDMA 200 tonne NLC each containing 100 tonne supplies for both countries. Equipment includes winter tents and blankets.



The 13th consignment of humanitarian aid for Gaza has successfully landed in Amman, Jordan, via a chartered flight, carrying 100 tons of relief items. This aid will be transported by road to Gaza with the support of the Hashemite Organization. The Government of Pakistan remains steadfast in its commitment to providing humanitarian assistance to the war-affected people of Gaza and Lebanon.

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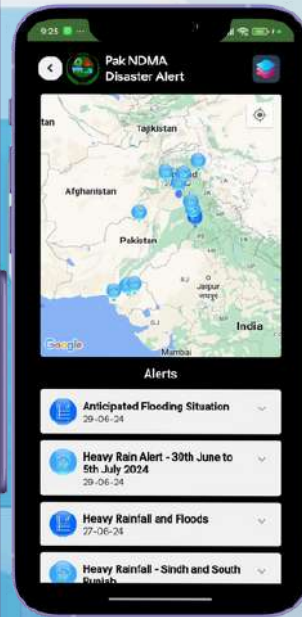


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On the direction of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) continues to provide relief to the war-torn people of Palestine, Gaza and Lebanon on a welfare basis. In this relief shipment sent by NDMA, 95 tons of goods including family tents and blankets were sent to Lebanon for winter protection. The aid plane took off from Islamabad International Airport to Beirut, Lebanon.

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