

HANDS

Sindh Monsoon Update -2

SITUATION UPDATE



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The country has received unprecedented widespread rain in different parts during the last week and the severity of this rain spell will be lowered till the end of monsoon season in mid of this month. The current spell produced unprecedented rains in Southern Punjab, Sindh and eastern parts of Balochistan in last 5 days.

The chief amounts of recorded rainfall in last 5 days was Jacobabad 481 mm, Khanpur 291 mm, Rahim Yar Khan 236 mm, Larkana 215 mm, Sukkar 206 mm, Shorkot 152 mm, Chhor 137 mm, Multan 136 mm, Toba Tek Singh 130 mm, Mithi 121 mm, Dera Ghazi Khan 120 mm, Badin 108 mm, Sahiwal 107 mm, Okara 103 mm, Hyderabad 90 mm and Dadu 90 mm.

Heavy monsoon rains in Pakistan have submerged houses, destroyed crops and displaced thousands of families in Sindh, all in an area still recovering from 2010's devastating floods. At least 78 people died and dozens were injured as torrential rains and flash floods wreaked havoc in Pakistan over the past three days till now most of them due to roof collapses, during rains on Saturday and Sunday last week. The rains also left thousands homeless, destroyed crops and property worth millions of rupees.

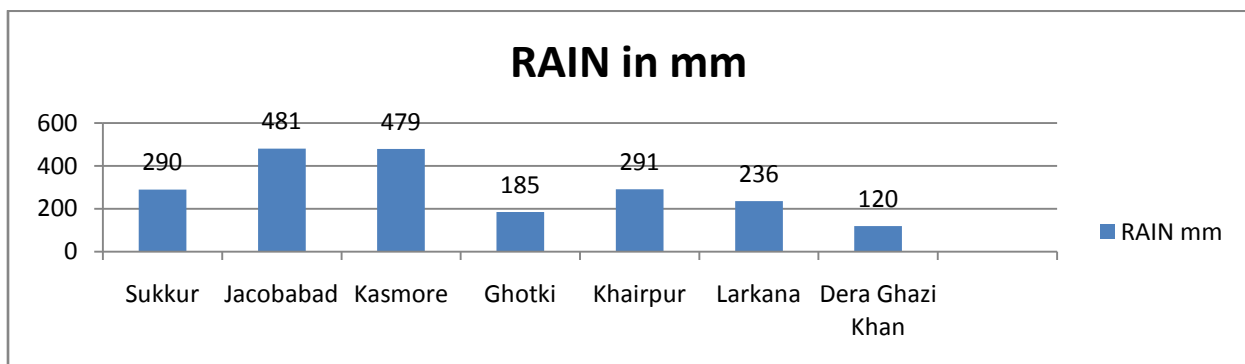
The provincial government has declared an emergency in Jacobabad, Khairpur, Kashmore districts which have been badly affected by the rains. Hundreds of people have been displaced so far, we fear for many more people going homeless as the rains are still incessant in those districts.

Jacobabad and Dera Ghazi Khan were worst affected areas in Sindh and Punjab respectively where rain water played havoc. Director General Pakistan Disaster Management Authority Sher Dil said on Monday 9 people lost their lives in DG Khan. Cheques of Rs 500,000 are distributed among the families of victim DGK.

Army has also been sought in Kandhkot area of Sindh where the forces have launched rescue operation to assist civil administration.

Met office has predicted more rains in eastern Sindh. It said that rain-causing system would start losing its strength from Wednesday (today).

A Met office statement of Monday said that 100 year record of rain has broken in Jacobabad.

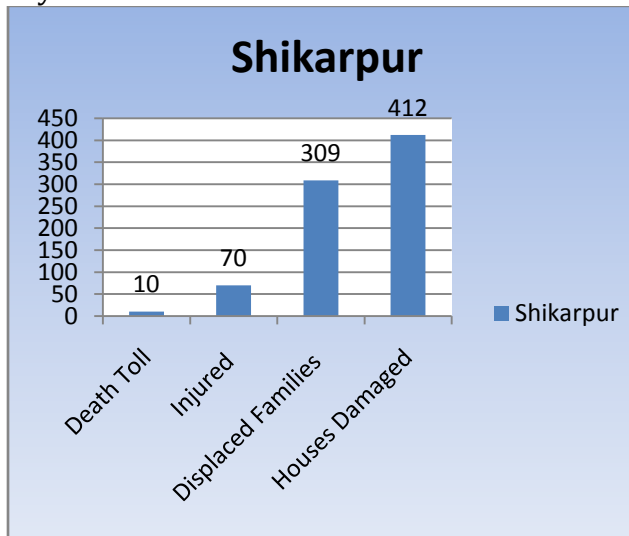


SHIKARPUR

There is serious emergency situation in the city, 1024 houses collapsed.

According to the latest reports Pak Army has been called in as emergency has been declared in the city after the sustained rains continued to unfold misery for the citizens.

10 people were killed and over 70 others injured in the rain-related incidents in the city.



Azans are being sounded as an invocation to Allah to cease the devastating rainfall that kept on pounding the city since last 24 hours, submerging several roads of the city including railways station, Ghanta Ghar and Jomani Hall under five-foot rainwater.



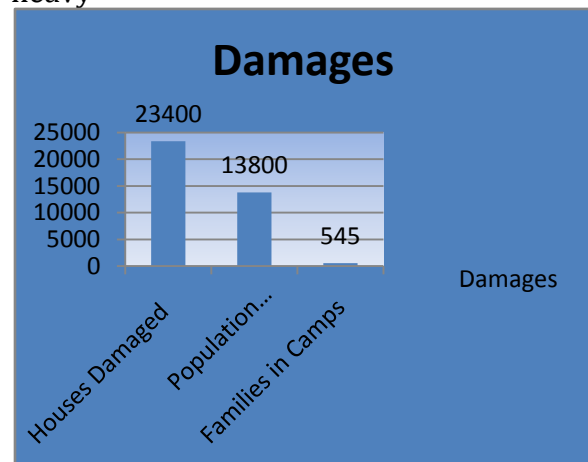
JACOBABAD

481 MM rain is recorded beating record of last 100 years, it is due to heavy rains



since last few days which has impeded

the life of city roads and streets lanes are filled with the water, in the result of heavy



rains 23400 houses are damaged, 135800

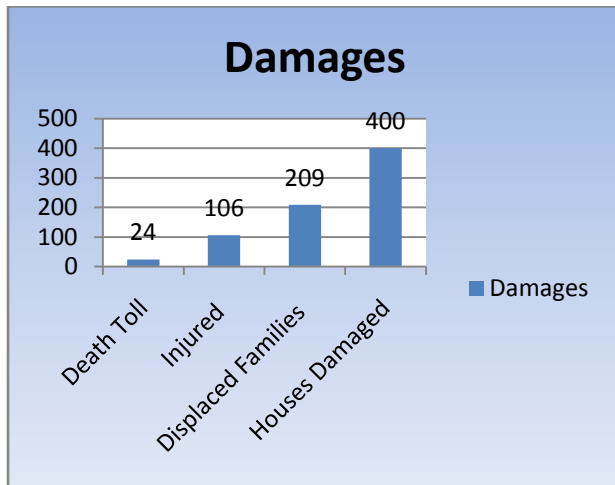
population is displaced, 545 families are shifted to relief Camps, 1 case of Snake bite is reported in the district. Many

villages are under the water, and villagers are in open sky.

KASHMORE

Widespread rains played havoc; 24 deaths in collapse incidents. 106 people sustained injuries according to (Media) reports. Livestock also suffered and many animals died due to rain. Water level which has been calculated 491 mm in district Kashmore.

The communication systems totally damages electricity system was also disrupted for 72 hours. Many people have displaced due to heavy rain, they have got shelter under some government schools, BHUs, RHCs. Some are still sitting on roads or high places under open sky.



GHOTKI

2500 houses have severely been Damaged reported by Govt Officials ,

Khambhara has been totally Collapsed. Hundreds of families have been



peddy and Sugar cane Crops are under water on large scale. Police Station

displaced. Rapid Assesment teams have assited immediate need of Medical

Support, Tents, NFIs and Food items in the

DERA GHAZI KHAN (PANJAB)

Rains once again began to lash the Dera Ghazi Khan, and Rajan Pur on Monday morning while floodwater developed breach in Dera Ghazi Khan Canal, inundating half of the city. The flood has swept away all the roads, hospitals, Govt. offices, schools in the D.G. Khan. Many of villages have been badly damaged whereas hundreds of houses have been partially or completely damaged. The total magnitude of flood was 144,000 Cusecs were recorded according to district government. The local government declared the state of emergency in Dera Ghazi Khan. This breach in DG canal due to torrential water has severely damaged the residential

area to support the Deprived families.

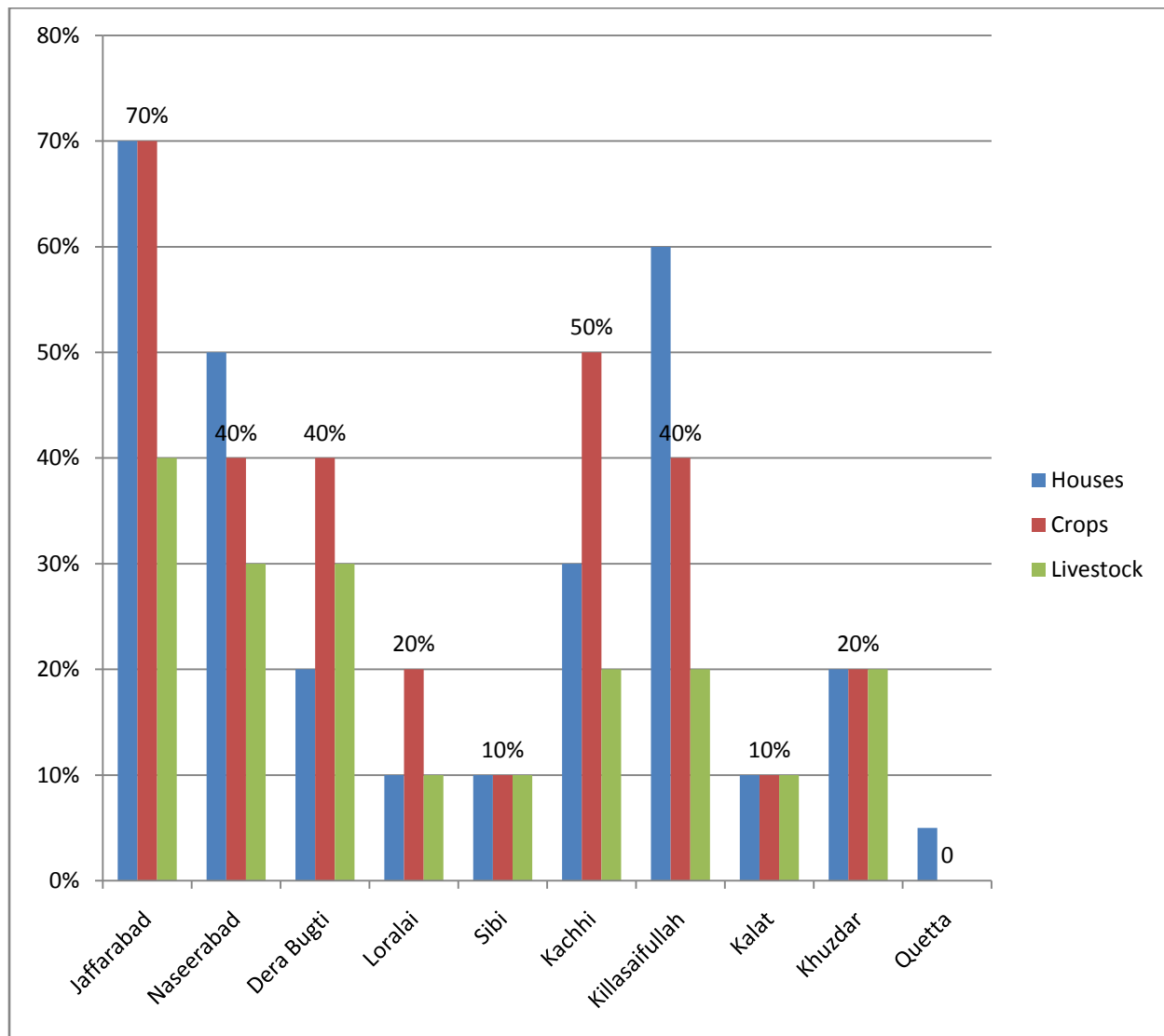
areas which were near the DG canal and also hit the deep areas of city very badly in which mainly poor and marginalized communities were settled. These are union council Wadoor (badly hit by hill torrent) Saddiqabad colony, Shamsabad colony, Bhutta Colony, Shah Skindar Road, Rukanabad, railway colony etc (city areas hit by flood water after breach of canal). According to recent figures 1760 houses are damaged and most of the people near the city were immediately shifted to railway station platform leaving everything behind. These affected people are looking for help from government and humanitarian actors.



JAFFERABAD (BALOCHISTAN)

Situation in Jaffarabad and Naseerabad Districts of Balochistan is worse, 11 Districts are still facing heavy rains. Due to flood/rains people are facing road blockages. it is expected that till tomorrow emergency may be announced. Govt agencies through FC and Army supporting affected population through

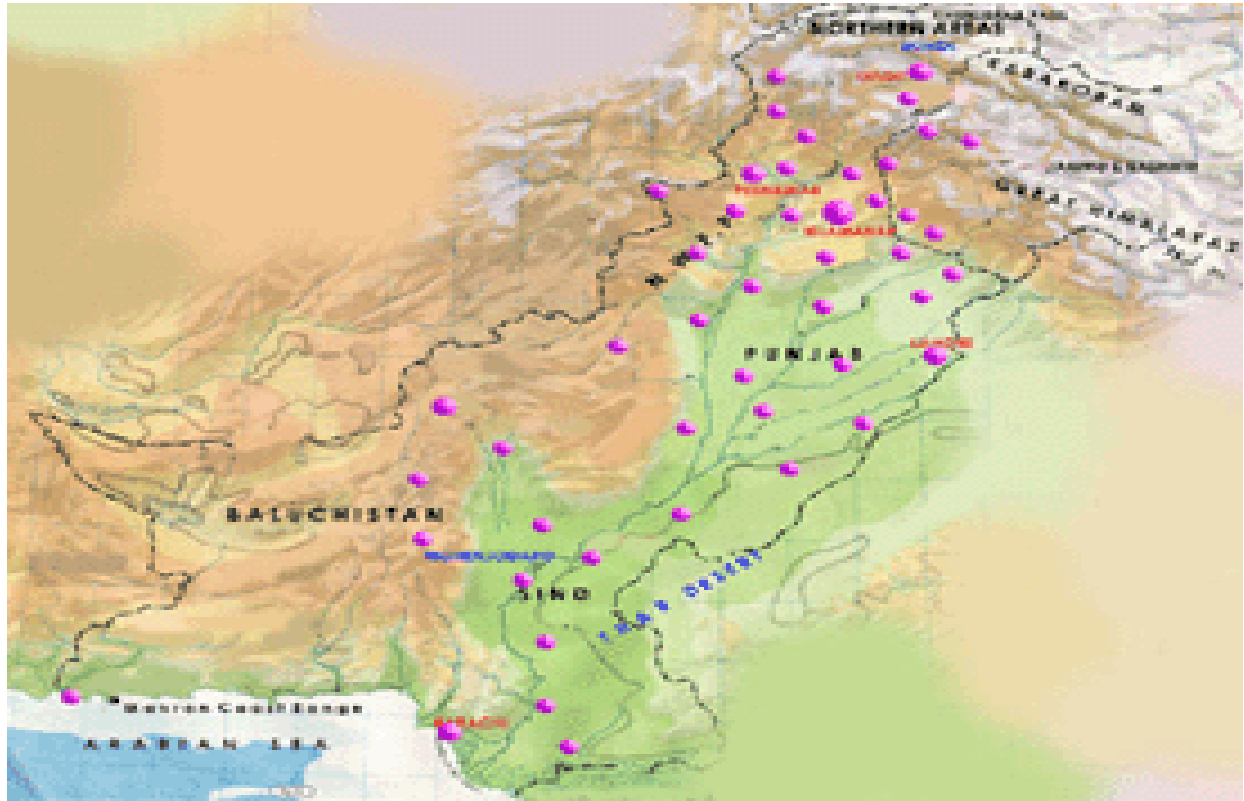
their own resources as per media reports. Yester day PDMA called a meeting and PDMA failed to declare emergency and announce effected districts as disaster hit area. NGOs and Donor organizations were ready for support but they are still waiting for the Emergency declaration.



WEATHER FORECAST

Low Pressure Area, after giving widespread rains, is weakening rapidly over Sindh. However, more

Rain/Thundershower is expected at a few places of Lower Sindh and adjoining areas of Southeast Balochistan in next 24 hrs.



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