

Punjab on high alert as PDMA issues flood warning

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Punjab's Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has issued warnings about high to extremely high flood levels in the region's hill torrents due to continuous rainfall in the mountainous areas of Koh-e-Suleiman. The PDMA spokesperson stated that the water flow is increasing steadily, prompting urgent alerts to local authorities. Director General Irfan Kathia of PDMA has instructed relevant administrations to remain on high alert. An alert has been issued to the Commissioner of Dera Ghazi Khan and district commissioners to prepare for potential flooding. Emergency control room staff have also been instructed to stay vigilant, ensuring readiness for any situation. PDMA's disaster response teams from Rescue 1122 have been placed on high alert, with DG Kathia emphasising the importance of sufficient fuel stocks for rescue operations. He also urged that citizens be kept informed of the current situation to ensure public

safety. Further, the evacuation of people and livestock from riverbanks is a priority, and Kathia has stressed the need for effective communication of safety measures to the public. PDMA has also mandated that flood relief camps are adequately stocked with food, clean drinking water, and other essential supplies. DG Kathia reiterated the importance of public adherence to issued safety precautions, ensuring that communities remain safe and well-informed during this critical time.