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Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif Activates High Alert for Monsoon Rains

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Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Maryam Nawaz Sharif has placed the province's administration on high alert to tackle the devastating monsoon rains sweeping across Pakistan. With torrential downpours triggering floods, landslides, and significant loss of life, her decisive actions aim to protect citizens and mitigate damage in Punjab, the nation's most populous province. This article explores her administration's robust

response to the crisis and the broader implications for Pakistan's disaster preparedness.

The monsoon season, which runs from June to September, has unleashed chaos in Punjab, claiming at least 63 lives and injuring nearly 300 people in the past 24 hours alone, according to the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA). Nationwide, the death toll since late June stands at 159, with Punjab bearing the brunt. CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif, demonstrating strong leadership, declared a rain emergency across multiple districts, including Lahore, Faisalabad, and Chakwal. She has mobilized rescue teams, police, and hospitals to ensure rapid response and public safety. "I have issued directives to alert the public through sirens and announcements," she stated, urging citizens to cooperate with authorities, as reported by Dawn. Her hands-on approach, including unannounced inspections of flood-affected areas like Misri Shah and Lakshmi Chowk, underscores her commitment to effective governance.

The PDMA, under CM Maryam's guidance, has released a comprehensive monsoon alert fact sheet detailing rising water levels in rivers like the Jhelum and warning of urban flooding risks in cities such as Lahore and Sialkot. Rescue 1122 and the Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) are working tirelessly to clear waterlogged areas, though continuous rains pose challenges. The administration's ban on bathing in rivers and canals, backed by legal enforcement, reflects a no-nonsense approach to public safety. "Access to every affected citizen must be ensured," Maryam Nawaz emphasized, highlighting her focus on inclusive relief efforts.

Pakistan's vulnerability to climate-driven disasters, exacerbated by poor infrastructure and past government inaction, makes CM Maryam's

proactive stance a refreshing change. Her administration's swift mobilization contrasts with the often-criticized lethargy of previous regimes. As monsoon rains intensify, her leadership offers hope for a resilient Punjab, setting a standard for disaster management that other provinces might emulate. The nation watches as her team battles nature's fury to safeguard lives and property.