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Pakistan Rivers Face Low to Moderate Flood Threats

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The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has issued a fresh flood advisory, warning of minor to moderate flooding in parts of Pakistan as the monsoon season is forecasted to intensify in the coming weeks.

According to the NDMA, several regions are currently witnessing low-level flood conditions, especially along key river systems such as the Indus and Chenab. Minor flooding has been reported at Tarbela, Chashma, Taunsa, and Kalabagh. Moderate flood conditions are likely

to develop at Head Marala and Guddu, with authorities keeping a close watch on water flow trends in these areas.

The NDMA emphasized that if rainfall increases in the second half of August, flood risks could escalate significantly. Meteorological teams are monitoring precipitation and river discharge patterns across the northern and central zones to assess further threats.

Meanwhile, river levels in the Jhelum, Ravi, and Sutlej remain within safe ranges. Tributaries and hill torrents that feed into major river systems have shown stable flow rates so far, though round-the-clock surveillance continues.

In Narowal district, a low flood situation has developed in the Basantar stream, a tributary known to rise rapidly during heavy rains. While the current flow does not pose an immediate threat to surrounding communities, local authorities have issued precautionary advisories to ensure readiness in case of a sudden surge.

Data from the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) indicates that Tarbela Dam has reached approximately 88 percent of its full storage capacity, while Mangla Dam stands at 58 percent. The rising reservoir levels reflect ongoing monsoon inflows. In contrast, Indian reservoirs in the region are reportedly at around 43 percent capacity, pointing to uneven rainfall distribution across the subcontinent.

The NDMA has urged provincial and district administrations to stay vigilant and activate emergency response mechanisms where necessary. Public awareness campaigns have also been launched to ensure that communities in flood-prone zones receive timely updates and instructions.

Although no evacuation orders have been issued so far, residents living near riverbanks and in low-lying areas have been advised to remain alert and follow official bulletins through national and provincial disaster management channels.

As the monsoon season continues through August, disaster response teams, irrigation departments, and meteorological agencies are coordinating closely to monitor conditions and respond swiftly to any developments. The NDMA has assured the public that updated advisories will be issued as more data becomes available.