

DISASTERS UPDATE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

National

12 tribals die due to water-borne disease



At least 12 tribals, including a six-year-old child, have died of a water-borne disease in Orissa's Ganjam district in Berhampur on Monday. The tribals, showing symptoms of diarrhoea and fever, hailed from Tumba and Buratala gram panchayats under Patrapur block. Reports were received from the area that about 12 tribals have died of the water-borne disease in the past ten days in the region. Besides, over 50 persons in Batarasahi, Bilugaon, Abandia, Rampha, Atapathara and Mandarada villages of the block were suffering from various water-borne diseases. (DD-26.7) (Source: **DD News**)

International

111 killed in China floods

BEIJING: At least 111 people have been killed and 167 missing since past 11 days due to floods that hit northwest China's Shaanxi province. The first floods, from the rain-swollen Hanjiang River and its tributaries, hit Shaanxi's Ankang, Hanzhong, and Shangluo cities from July 14 to 19. Another flood that began Thursday worsened the catastrophe. The floods have affected about 4.25 million people and forced 703,000 people to be evacuated. In the worst-hit Ankang City, 63 people were killed, 119 missing and 2,824 injured, according to a statement from the provincial government. The floods also caused an estimated loss of 9.56 billion yuan. (IANS, Source: **DD News**)

Flood Situation in Balochistan, Pakistan

Islamabad: Based upon PMD Forecast for widespread rains during the period from 20th - 22nd July, the NDMA issued a Weather Advisory to all concerned forewarning them against likely possibility of inundation in low lying areas on 20th July. Heavy rains in various parts of Balochistan during the night of 21st and 22nd July have affected tehsils Kohlu, Barkhan, Duki and Dera Murad Jamali.

As per the preliminary reports received from PDMA, Balochistan and Military authorities, following damages have been reported so far:

a. Number of kiliis / villages badly affected by the flood are:-

1. Tehsil Kohlu - 8
2. Tehsil Barkhan - 3
3. Tehsil Sibi - 2

b. Death toll is as under:-

1. Barkhan - 15
2. Sibi - 2

1. Relief activities:-

a. The NDMA has released 1200 tents, 800 blankets and 2400 plastic mats which are being collected by PDMA authorities from Quetta Warehouse.

b. On request from NDMA, PRCS has mobilised its teams in the affected areas and shall cater for the food / health care requirements of the affected population (approximately 15,000) for the next 3 months.

c. Apart from moving a company-size force on ground, along with four medical teams, 3 military helicopters carrying 1.25 tons of relief goods have moved (today) to the affected areas for recovery and relief operations.

d. The Army has provided 9 tons of relief goods, whereas the civilian administration has also moved 6-8 trucks carrying relief items to the affected areas.

e. The Army troops provided food items to the population of the affected areas on the night of 22nd – 23rd July, 2010 and the same will be done today as well.

The NDMA is in close coordination with the concerned agencies and monitoring the situation closely. (Source: **Government of Pakistan**)

21 killed in Afghan bus accident

Kabul: At least 21 passengers were killed and 26 injured when a bus veered off the road in southern Afghanistan on Monday. The accident happened in the southern province of Kandahar, on the highway from Kabul to the provincial capital Kandahar city. Two girls, two women and 17 men were killed in the accident, which was thought to have been caused by the high speed of the vehicle. The injured were taken to a hospital in Kandahar city, some in critical condition.(DPA, Source: **The Hindustan Times**)

26 killed in Afghan bus crash



At least twenty six people have been killed when a speeding bus crashed in southern Afghanistan on Monday. According to the head of the traffic police for southern Kandahar province, the bus ran off the road in Daman district south of Kandahar city just after dawn on Monday and flipped over. The bus was heading toward the capital of Kabul and was driving well over normal speeds. 26 people were killed in the crash and two injured. (NZ-26/07) (Source: **DD News**)

17 killed in mass panic at German "Love Parade"



At least 17 people were killed and 10 were seriously injured after mass panic broke out at a "Love Parade" music festival in Germany on Saturday. Overcrowding at an entrance tunnel to a former freight rail station where the techno music festival was being held sparked a stampede and then a crush in the western city of Duisburg. The festival, attended by about 1.4 million people, was not immediately cancelled because authorities feared that could spark a second panic. (HS-25/07) (Source: **DD News**)