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Discussion Notes

Realized Weather (23-29 June 23)	 Pakistan experienced isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers with heavy rain over some places. While most parts of Bhutan and Nepal experienced isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers, southern parts of the countries experienced intermittent heavy rain under the influence of monsoon currents. Bangladesh experienced isolated and widespread rain/thundershowers with isolated heavy rain over some places. Myanmar and Sri Lanka mainly experienced isolated and widespread rain/thundershowers with intermittent heavy rain/thundershowers. Maldives experienced isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers. East-west monsoon trough seen over Rajasthan to the northeast Bay of Bengal. A low pressure formed over Orissa and adjoining West Bengal during 23-24 June 2023 and adjoining areas as a well-marked low pressure over northeast Madhya Pradesh and adjoining areas on 28 June 2023, and as a low pressure over north Madhya Pradesh on 29 June 20233. The associated cyclonic circulation with the system extended up to the upper tropospheric level.
Salient synoptic features in the coming week (30 June- 06 July 23)	 Westerly waves are likely to affect central and northern parts of Pakistan during the week. A westerly trough is likely to continue over Bhutan and Nepal regions. Also, monsoon easterlies are seen over northeast India and Bhutan regions at lower levels. A moderate monsoonal flow is likely over Bangladesh with the persistence of a monsoon trough in the region. A shallow westerly trough is likely to pass over northern Myanmar with moderate to strong cross-equatorial flow likely over the country from 02 July 2023. North-south trough from Tamil Nadu to the west of Sri Lanka and Maldives is likely to persist. Also, the persistence of moderate to strong cross-equatorial flow is likely to form at 3.1-5.6 km from 02 July over the central Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas. A cyclonic circulation is likely to form over the northwest and adjoining west central area of the Bay of Bengal around 04 July 2023. An offshore trough is likely from Gujarat and Maharashtra coasts to Kerala coasts. Strengthening of the cross-equatorial flow is likely over the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. The persistence of Somali jets is likely to continue.

Rainfall outlook (30 June- 06 July 23)	 Under the influence of the above synoptic situations, countries are likely to experience the following weather conditions. Isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers likely over central and northern regions of Pakistan with possibility of increase rain activity over country during the week of 05 July 2023. Isolated rain/thundershowers are likely over Bhutan and Nepal with the possibility of moderate to heavy rain/thundershowers over some places. Also, isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers with widespread and intermittent heavy rain likely over Bangladesh. Scattered to widespread rain/thundershowers are likely of increase rain/thundershowers after 03 July 2023. Isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers are likely over Myanmar with possibility of increase rain/thundershowers after 03 July 2023. Isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers are likely over the Maldives and Sri Lanka with the possibility of isolated heavy rain over some places. 	 Extended Range Outlook (until 12 July 2023) Under the influence of active monsoon currents over the region, higher probability of rain (>25mm) is likely over Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Maldives, eastern and western parts of India and isolated places over Sri Lanka towards the week ending of 12 July 2023.
Temperature outlook (30 June- 06 July 23)	 No significant anomalies. 	 Ocean Watch Ocean Surface Forecast briefing during the past week (23-29 June 23) No significant events observed during the week. Forecast for the coming week (29 June-06 July 23) No significant events in forecasts.