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Discussion Notes

Realized Weather (07-13 July 23)	 The southwest monsoon was still active in the region during the week. Under this active monsoon features: Much of Pakistan experienced scattered to widespread rain/thundershowers with some places in central and northern regions receiving moderate to heavy rain/thundershowers. The weekly accumulated rain total ranges between 67.0-149.0 mm. Most parts of Bhutan and Nepal experienced isolated to scattered rain/thundershowers, with fairly widespread heavy rain/thundershowers in some parts of the countries. Also, Bangladesh experienced isolated to scattered rain/thundershowers with isolated heavy rain/thundershowers in some places. Myanmar experienced isolated to widespread rain/thundershowers with intermittent heavy rain/thundershowers in some places. Much of Maldives and Sri Lanka experienced isolated to scattered rain/thundershowers. 	
Salient synoptic features in the coming week (14-20 July 23)	 Westerly waves and monsoon winds from the Arabian Sea are likely to affect Pakistan. A westerly trough is likely to continue over Bhutan and Nepal regions. Also, monsoon easterlies are likely to strengthen in the region. A moderate monsoonal flow is likely to continue over Bangladesh. A shallow westerly trough is likely to continue over northern Myanmar with moderate to strong cross-equatorial flow likely over the country. Moderate to strong cross-equatorial flow is likely over the Maldives and Sri Lanka. Monsoon Features: A cyclonic circulation/low pressure system is likely to form in the north of Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas around 16 July. Monsoon trough likely to fluctuate from its normal position. An offshore trough is likely to continue 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 (14- 20 July 23)	 Under the influence of the above synoptic situations, countries are likely to experience the following weather conditions: Scattered to fairly widespread rain/thundershowers likely over Pakistan with intermittent heavy rain/thundershowers over 	 Extended Range Outlook (until 26 July 2023) Under the influence of active monsoon currents over the region, higher probability of rain (>25mm) is likely over

	 central and northern regions until 18 July 2023. Scattered to fairly widespread rain/thundershowers are likely over Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal with the intermittent moderate to heavy rain/thundershowers over some places. Scattered to fairly widespread rain/thundershowers are likely over Myanmar with possibility of increase rain/thundershowers with intermittent heavy rain after 16 July. Isolated to scattered rain/thundershowers, at times fairly widespread rain/thundershowers are likely over the Maldives and Sri Lanka. 	Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, northern parts of Pakistan and isolated places over Sri Lanka and Maldives towards the week ending of 26 July.
Temperature outlook (14-20 July 23)	 No significant anomalies. 	 Ocean Watch Ocean Surface Forecast briefing during the past week (07-13 July 23) No significant events observed during the week. Forecast for the coming week (14- 20 July 23) High waves and high wind speed likely in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea. Rough seas likely over the coast of Maldives and Sri Lanka.