

Pakistan declares a national emergency due to floods

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Islamabad, August 26 (RHC)-- Pakistan officially declared a national emergency due to floods that have left more than 950 people dead and millions stranded, the Pakistan Observer newspaper reported Friday.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) reported the loss of life, property, and infrastructure caused by the heavy rains that hit several parts of the territory.

According to NDMA data, Sindh province recorded the highest number of deaths, as 306 people lost their lives due to floods and rain-related incidents from June 14 till Thursday,

Balochistan reported 234 deaths, while Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab reported 185 and 165 fatalities, respectively.

In Azad Jammu and Kashmir, 37 people perished, and in the Gilgit-Baltistan region, there were nine monsoon-related deaths. In the same period, the capital Islamabad reported one death.

Federal Climate Change Minister Sherry Rehman called the situation a "weather-induced humanitarian disaster of epic proportions."

In a separate statement, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb called the flood a national emergency.

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