



No. DR-5/DRT/ADV/ALERT/2021-22

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SUBJECT: DROUGHT ADVISORY (PRE-ALERT)

This drought advisory (pre-alert) is a continuation of the drought watch issued on 27th October 2025. The rainfall deficit across western and southwestern Balochistan has further intensified, during the period from May to November 2025. In addition, the number of Consecutive Dry Days (CDD) in these regions has also increased. This substantial rainfall deficit, coupled with the rising CDD, may contribute to further worsening of drought conditions in the affected areas. The rainfall departures, climatology and corresponding CDD for these regions are summarized below:

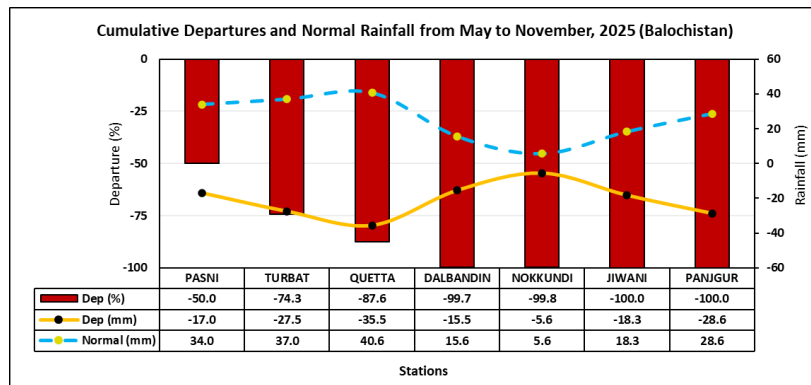


Figure-1(a) Departures and Climatology of Rainfall

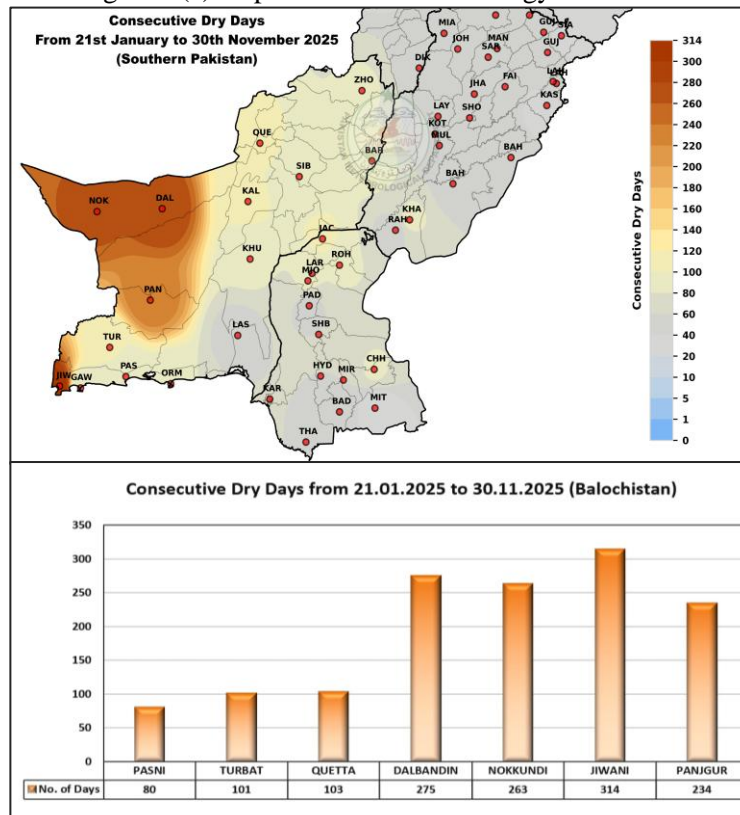


Figure-1(b) Consecutive Dry Days

2. Considering the climatological patterns and the seasonal forecast for December 2025 to February 2026 issued by the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), these regions are likely to experience below-normal rainfall along with above-normal temperatures. Such conditions are expected to further intensify drought conditions across western and southwestern Balochistan. Districts including **Chagai, Gwadar, Kech, Kharan, Mastung, Nushki, Pishin, Panjgur, Killa Abdullah, Quetta, and Washuk** have therefore been placed under the “Drought Advisory (Pre-Alert)” category, as shown in Figure 2. However, a rainfall system is likely to affect parts of Balochistan later this month, which may offer partial relief and help reduce the severity of drought conditions.

3. The National Drought Monitoring and Early Warning Centre (NDMC) of the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Islamabad, continues to closely monitor drought conditions across the country. All stakeholders particularly farmers, agricultural planners, and relevant institutions, are advised to remain vigilant and stay updated through PMD’s official website (www.pmd.gov.pk) for the latest advisories, forecasts, and drought-related information.

All relevant stakeholders are advised to undertake pre-emptive measures in drought-prone districts to minimize potential impacts on agriculture, livestock, and livelihoods.

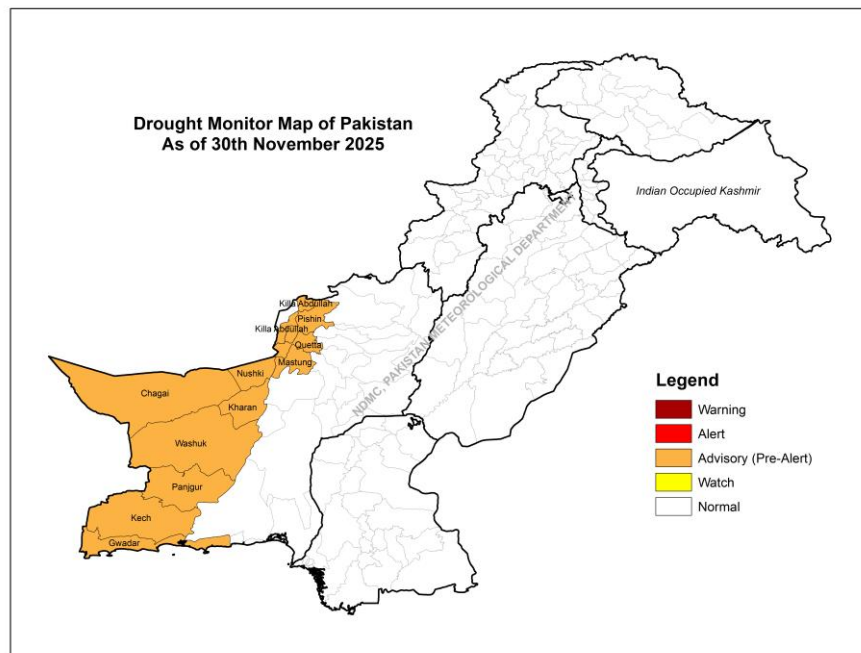


Figure-2: Drought Monitor November, 2025

Key Anticipatory Actions

- Pre-position of fodder, water tanks and mobilize mobile health and veterinary teams.
- Disseminate drought alerts via SMS, mosques, community hubs for issuance of judicious water usage advisories for agriculture and livestock.
- Coordinate with NGOs and stakeholders for contingency support to initiate targeted subsidies for smallholder farmers.
- Strengthen water storage and promote efficient irrigation techniques in hotspot union councils.

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