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Press Release

Pak High Com Appeals Malaysians for Humanitarian Aid for Flood Effectuated People in Pakistan.

The Pakistan High Commission in Malaysia has made a passionate appeal to the Malaysian from all walks of life and Pakistani expatriates in Malaysia to generously donate in cash and kind to help Pakistani Government to alleviate the suffering of over 3.2 million flood affectees in various parts of Pakistan including Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Kashmir, Punjab and Balochistan

As a result of unprecedented floods, more than 1500 people have died so far, more than 30,000 houses had been destroyed, vast swathes of standing crops have perished, most of the livestock has been killed and physical/communication infrastructure in affected areas has been destroyed whereas more monsoon rains were expected this week making the situation even worse.

The Acting High Commissioner, Dr. Imtiaz A. Kazi while making the appeal said in Kuala Lumpur today that although the federal and provincial governments of Pakistan had launched full fledged rescue and relief operations in the flood affected areas and were seized with distribution of ration packs, emergency food items, tents, plastic mats, and blankets, the scale and magnitude of catastrophe required mobilization of international community and Pakistani diaspora around the world including Malaysia to come forward with generous humanitarian assistance for the flood effectuated people.

The Acting High Commissioner said that a special cell had been created in the Islamabad Ministry of Foreign Affairs which in tandem with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was coordinating the relief assistance from across the world. He added that a formal appeal to the government of Malaysia was being sent, the Malaysian people and Pakistani diaspora, Non Governmental and relief Organizations to contribute generously in the Prime Minister of Pakistan's Special fund.

He said that the contributions could preferably be made in cash to provide the effectees with shelter, food, medicines, water and sanitation. The donation could be sent to Pakistan in cash in Pak Rupees Account Number 000294-2, Branch code 0341 of National Bank of Pakistan secretariat Branch, Islamabad, Pakistan. Donations could also be sent to US\$ Account number 9901526, Branch code 0341 (swift code NBPAKKA021) of National Bank of Pakistan, main branch, Islamabad, Pakistan. As regards assistance in kind, the same could be sent directly to Pakistan in the name of Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

While giving the detail of regarding mechanism of transportation of relief goods, the Acting High Commissioner said that PIA office in Malaysia shall carry the relief goods to Pakistan without charge in the spare belly space of its aircrafts. All kinds of duty and taxes will be waived off on relief goods. The Civil Aviation Authority of Pakistan has been instructed to facilitate clearance of relief goods without levy of any handling and landing charges and transportation of relief goods from Islamabad to elsewhere in Pakistan to affected areas shall be facilitated by the NDMA

Information with regard to assistance could be obtained directly vide contact number 03-2161-4985 fax number 03-2164-5958 and email address floodreliefkl@gmail.com. Intending

donors can also visit the High Commission's website www.pahickl.com and Website of Islamabad based National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) at www.ndma.gov.pk for detailed information.

Meanwhile, a three member team of MERCY Malaysia and ICRC is leaving for Pakistan to assist in relief efforts.

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