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Ministry of Water Resources
**Office of the Chief Engineering Adviser/
Chairman, Federal Flood Commission**

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Islamabad, the July 21, 2024

Director General
Pakistan Metrological Department
Islamabad

**Sub: PILFERAGE OF WATER LEVEL GAUGE STATION OF LAI NULLAH AT
KATTARIAN BRIDGE, RAWALPINDI**

I have been directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that it has been reported in several daily newspapers of the country that valuable equipment worth millions of rupees has been stolen from the Water Level Gauge Station installed at Kattarian Bridge on Lai Nullah in Rawalpindi, a crucial centre for issuing alerts about flood situation and rainfall events related to Nullah Lai and 15 other storm drains across the garrison city.

2. As per the Express Tribune, unknown thieves broke into the station, stealing expensive batteries, computers, solar energy systems, and damaging several solar panels. The theft has led to the complete suspension of the flood and rainfall warning system in the entire city.

3. You are well aware that following the devastating floods in Lai Nullah in 2001, the Government of Pakistan, with support from the JICA Grants-in-Aid program, installed an Early Warning System for Lai Nullah. This system included Automatic Weather Stations, Water Level Gauges, and Warning Posts at various locations, providing real-time flow monitoring at Katarian and Gawalmandi bridges, as well as rainfall data from the catchments. However, due to theft, real time water level data at Katarian Bridge might not be available thus impacting overall performance of the system.

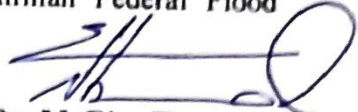
4. It is added here that the Water Level Gauge Station has played a vital role in flood management for the city, providing timely alerts that allowed for proactive measures to be taken to mitigate flood damage. The suspension of this system at katarian may leave the city vulnerable, especially during the on-going Monsoon Season when accurate and timely information is crucial.

5. In order to safeguard both the city and the cantonment from the potential hazards of monsoon rains, it is requested that urgent remedial arrangements may kindly be made at the earliest

in coordination with relevant offices of District Administration Rawalpindi and under intimation to all concerned including this Office.

6. Matter may kindly be accorded "TOP PRIORITY".

7. This issues with the approval of Chief Engineering Advisor/Chairman Federal Flood Commission, Islamabad.


(Dr. M. Ejaz Tanveer) 22/07/2024
Chief Engineer (Floods)

Copy to:

1. Director to Federal Minister for Water Resources, Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad.
2. Managing Director, Water & Sanitation Agency (WASA), Rawalpindi.
3. Chief Executive Officer, Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB), Rawalpindi.
4. Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority (Punjab), Lahore.
5. Director Rescue 1122, Rawalpindi.
6. Deputy Commissioner, Rawalpindi.
7. Administrator, Municipal Corporation Rawalpindi (MCR), Rawalpindi.
8. CC Engineer, 10 Corps, Chaklala, Rawalpindi.
9. Engineer's Directorate, GHQ, Rawalpindi.
10. P.S to Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad.
11. P.S to Chief Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Lahore.
12. P.S to Chairman NDMA, Islamabad.
13. P.S to CEA/CFFC, Islamabad PS to CEA/CFFC, Islamabad.
14. PS to Director General, Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), Rawalpindi.