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Press Release

No Significant rains expected till end of December

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The current winter is going abnormally dry in the country except in northern Balochistan including Quetta, Ziarat, Kalat and Khuzdar areas where some good rain has been recorded during last two week. According to Met-Office, a high pressure area due to El-Nino conditions is prevailing over Pakistan, and it is blocking the winter rains for the country. The blocking high pressure area is likely to subside gradually during first week of January 2010, and the winter rains after that are expected to penetrate in Pakistan. Some good spells of winter rains are predicted during the month of January.

According to the prevailing meteorological conditions, the cold and dry weather conditions are likely to continue and no significant rains are expected in the country till the end of December. Due to prolonged dry weather conditions, the Rabi-crops especially in Barani areas are under moisture stress, and the water scarcity is emerging in the urban areas of the country.

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