



MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

PRESS RELEASE

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1. The Government is deeply concerned by the loss of life and destruction of public and private property resulting from the ongoing floods.
2. There are reports of continued risky behaviour by motorists and pedestrians, and casual treatment by members of the public of weather forecast and voluntary evacuation advisories.
3. Further, unscrupulous persons in order to benefit from persons in distress during storms are endangering the public by constructing and operating rudimentary canoes or boats, and transporting stranded passengers for money.
4. To mitigate further loss of life, County Security and Intelligence Committees (CSICs) across the Country are directed to immediately:
 - 1) Inspect all public and private dams and water reservoirs in their jurisdictions within 24 Hours effective at 1400 Hours today and recommend cases where compulsory evacuation and temporary resettlement orders are to issue.



- 2) Deploy enforcement teams at urban and rural road spots prone to storm water flooding and without bridges or where the water has breached the bridge to prevent motorists or pedestrians from dangerous crossovers and to arrest and prosecute offenders for attempted suicide and/or attempted murder as the facts of the case may be.
- 3) Prevent the transportation of passengers across flooded rivers or storm water by unsafe canoes or boats and arrest inexperienced and unscrupulous persons taking advantage of the prevailing situation to cash in on persons in distress.
5. The Government is coordinating all its relevant agencies and partners to prevent further loss of lives and property, and to support all those who have been affected by the ongoing torrential rains.

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