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Civic bodies exposed as first monsoon downpour wreaks havoc on Karachiites

At least 14 deaths reported in rain-related incidents; showers plunge most of the city into darkness for several hours; educational institutions to remain closed today

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A prolonged spell of rain on Monday brought life in Karachi to a complete standstill and exposed all the earlier claims of the authorities regarding their preparations for the monsoon. At least 15 deaths were reported due to rain-related incidents in the city, many areas of which suffered from power breakdown lasting for several hours, while severe traffic jams were witnessed on the thoroughfares as they remained inundated throughout the day.

A low pressure area had caused rain in south-east Sindh, including Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas and Nawabshah, on Sunday. Under the influence of the same low pressure, rain started in Karachi in the morning hours of Monday continued till the filing of this report at night.

With 60 millimetres of rainfall, the civic infrastructure of the provincial capital collapsed with power breakdown and in-



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National Commission for Human Development (NCHD), Islamabad and Organisation for Social Development Initiatives (OSDI), a Social policy Think Tank join hands to collaborate and work together for poverty alleviation and sustainability creation in the rural areas of Pakistan. MoU, in this regard is being signed by Col. (Rtd.) Dr. Amirullah Khan Marwat Chairman, National Commission for Human Development(NCHD) and Mr. Aasim A. Siddiqui, Founder Trustee, Organization for Social Development Initiatives OSDI.***