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Advisory Notice in Response to Severe Weather Forecast

The Maldives Meteorological Service has issued a weather bulletin indicating that the Southwest Monsoon is expected to become active starting today. As a result, over the next 05 days, winds are expected to blow at speeds of 15 to 25 miles per hour in the northern and central atolls, and 13 to 23 miles per hour in the southern atolls. Wind speeds may increase to 45 to 55 miles per hour during gusts. Consequently, seas are expected to be very rough across all atolls of the Maldives. The National Meteorological Service also informs that heavy rain and thunderstorms are likely to accompany the strong winds, and there is a possibility of tidal surges during high tide periods.

The NDMA advises the following precautionary measures for the public to safeguard property and belongings.

- Prepare for possible flooding.
- Take proactive steps to safeguard homes from potential floodwaters, such as using gunny sacks to block water entry.
- Protect Indoor Furnishings: Move furniture and valuable items that maybe affected by flooding to higher places or away from potential flood areas within home.
- Move furniture and valuable items to higher places or away from potential flood areas within the home to avoid damage from flooding.
- Secure outdoor items: Protect or bring indoors any materials or belongings that could be blown away by strong winds.
- Reinforce roofs: If there's a risk of strong winds damaging your roof, secure it with ropes to ensure roofing sheets are not blown away by winds
- Switch off all electrical equipment when not in use to prevent potential hazards.
- Limit sea travel: Refrain from undertaking sea travel unless it is essential. Should travel be necessary, ensure that all safety equipment is in optimal condition, continuously monitor weather updates, and equip vessels with fully charged communication devices.
- Before setting out on sea travel, obtain the most recent weather updates from the relevant authorities.

Please stay vigilant and take proactive measures at island level to mitigate the risks.

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