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HIGHLIGHTS

- All movement in and around Peshawar is being reviewed due to a serious incident at Kacha Garhi IDP camp in Peshawar on 16 July.
- On 13 July, the team leader of the National Rural Support Programme (NRSP, an Implementing Partner of WFP) has been abducted by unidentified gunmen in Mardan District while en route to Peshawar. Investigation is ongoing.
- The security situation in the country remains unpredictable and volatile and is not expected to improve any time soon. Pakistan is in UN Security Phase III.
- On 11 July, the GoP signed a Return Policy Framework, abiding humanitarian guidelines. There have been no reports of forced returns. Within two days (14/15 July), 1,500 families living in camps returned to their homes in Swat and Buner districts. The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) from the GoP is organising transportation on a daily basis and allocates buses and trucks.
- Two small WFP assessment teams went to Swat and Buner districts this week, to identify potential new hubs to facilitate distributions for returning IDPs. Detailed information about the exact location is yet to be confirmed. The hub established in Dagar (Buner District) last week is now operational.
- There continue to be 36 humanitarian hubs serving IDPs in NWFP host communities and 10 distribution centres within camps.
- A Logistics Cluster coordination meeting was held in Islamabad this week with 20 participants from various humanitarian organisations and donors.
- The Logistics Cluster provided transport services for IRD from Pirpiai to host communities in Mardan.
- A Policy and Strategy Committee meeting, Chaired by the Chief Secretary NWFP, was held this week in Islamabad, where it was suggested, that the Logistics Cluster would coordinate all humanitarian relief convoys going into Swat and Buner districts.

Find more in the attached SitRep

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