

**Hot, dry weather likely in Karachi**

KARACHI: Temperature on Wednesday scaled up to 45 degrees Celsius in Shaheed Benazirabad District, as hot weather simmered parts of Sindh.

The Met Office said that the mercury soared to 44 degrees Celsius, each in Chhor, Mithi and Padidan and 43 degrees Celsius, each in Tandojam, Sukkur and Hyderabad during the day. It said that the hot weather is expected to continue across South Punjab and Sindh on Thursday as well.

Temperature in Karachi was 36 degree Celsius, as the Met forecast hot and dry weather for the city in the next 24 hours with mercury level up to 38 degree Celsius and 85 percent humidity.

Mainly dry weather is expected elsewhere in the country with an isolated light rain-thunderstorm and gusty winds in Malakand and Kohat Divisions, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan in the next 24 hours. "Continental air is prevailing over most parts of the country," it said.

Tharparkar, Umerkot and Shaheed Benazirabad are expected to witness temperature up to 44 degree Celsius each, on Thursday followed by Qambar Shadadkot, Kashmore, Jacobabad, Khairpur, Ghotki, Sukkur, Noshero Feroze and Sanghar 43 degrees Celsius, each. Similarly, Tando Allah Yar, Hyderabad, Badin, Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Mityari and Dadu 42 degrees Celsius each, Larkana and Shikarpur are likely to undergo 41 degree Celsius, each, Mirpurkhas, Thatta and Sujawal 39 degrees Celsius, each.

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