

High humidity makes city swelter

KARACHI: High humidity created sweltering weather conditions in Karachi on Friday, Met officials said, describing the phenomenon as “feels like” temperature.

The “feels like” temperature, according to experts, is a measurement of how hot or cold it really feels like outside. A day that is very humid may feel hotter than it really is outside because our body sweat does not evaporate (and thereby cool the body) the way it is intended.

The maximum and minimum temperature in the city was 37 degrees Celsius and 28 degree Celsius, respectively. But, humidity ranged between 85 per cent in the morning and 60pc in the evening.

“You can see that air temperature wasn’t that high (as currently being experienced in the interior parts of Sindh). It’s mainly high levels of humidity that left people sweating all day,” said Meteorological department official Abdul Rasheed.

Explaining further, he said that different combinations of temperature, humidity and wind speed could increase the sensation of being hot or cold.

According to him, the city would continue to experience warm weather till the mid of June and, currently, there is no likelihood of a heatwave or rain.

Larkana sizzles at 50°C

Larkana and its surrounding areas on Friday experienced the hottest day of the season as the mercury touched the 50 degree Celsius mark, forcing people to remain indoors to escape heatstroke.

The Met office said humidity was recorded at 30pc with north-easterly wind direction.

The temperature began rising after 13th Ramazan and continued to increase.

The Met office said the temperature would continue to hover between 48 and 50 degree Celsius over the next fortnight.

All roads wore a deserted look while frequent and unscheduled loadshedding worsened the situation.

Temperature in Hyderabad was 43 degrees Celsius, Nawabshah (44.5), Sukkur (47.5), Jacobabad (50), Thatta (39.5), Mirpurkhas (43.5), Moenjodaro (48), Badin (42) and Dadu (48.6).

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