

The monsoon floods this year revealed an undeniable truth: rivers do not stop at borders. It caused damages to the extent that entire villages were drowned. Amid deep mistrust, India sent an alert of possible flood. The alert enables the authorities in Punjab to make necessary arrangements. India unilaterally suspended the Indus Water Treaty which Pakistan consistently opposed; any attempt to curtail our rights would be unacceptable. Pakistan consistently stretched for dialogues that above all, lives matter across border. Climate change affected South Asia the most. Heavy monsoon, glacier melting, and erratic flood are now the new norm. Therefore, collaboration between countries are needed in the light of share forecasting, disaster planning, and reservoir management. This season floods are a reminder that it's not a matter of sovereignty alone but of shared adaptation. India and Pakistan rather than competing, the villages drowned by floods today would have been saved.

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