

• Flooding will be normal for Pakistan.
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Rivers do not drink their own water but we all natural beings need river water for different purposes of life for survival but some time this river water causes death of human beings, trees or shelters.

According to study of scientific journal they warn Pakistan with more floods due to extreme rainfall events by human development encroaching on flood plains. Recent event at Swat where 18 people died for 2 different families due to sudden flood in Swat river where authority was unaware, not ready to face such unpredicted event.

The study of scientific journal says that the Pakistan experienced 19 flood disasters between 1950 & 2012, causing in total 11,239 deaths, affecting an area of 599,459 km² and round about \$39 billion economic damage was recorded.

This monsoon is way more alarming for the people of Pakistan and for the authorities too. This is due to as people have started construction on the bank of rivers. With or without concern of authorities the people have made the ways in river without proper permission.

Due to anthropogenic changes near river side, like human activities for their self interest & intensive agricultural

Practice and high population density along river includes Kabul, Swat, such activities is now affecting the ecosystem of the riverine.

The author suggested that Pakistan should adapt

→ Restoring natural flood plains

→ Improving Drainage

→ Shifting development away from river banks

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