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Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) is very much distressed about the drastic effects of two days rain in Sindh particularly in Karachi and Hyderabad. The life in these two cities was paralyzed and the most shameful aspect is that 21 people have died in different rain related incidents. 15 of the victims died of electrocution in different parts of Karachi. This is not new in Karachi, whenever it rains heavily people suffer a lot and die in the same way but nobody cares, nobody takes the responsibility and nobody plans to avoid the miseries and deaths of innocent people in future. These deaths puts big question mark on the performance of our institutions which are responsible for the protection of lives of the people.

Majority areas in the city were without power for 30 to 40 hours. This power failure suspended water supply to large number of areas of Karachi and hence added to the difficulties of the people.

People could not reach their offices, doctors and paramedics were unable to reach hospitals, patients suffered from this ugly situation and could not reach the hospitals in time for their treatment, even ambulances were stuck on the roads because of severe traffic jams. Life was absolutely jammed due to rain and sewerage water on roads.

We need to overhaul the drainage system of Karachi to prevent spread of different bacteria, viruses and other fatal organisms to decrease the burden of diseases in this mega city.

It is apathy that nobody owns the two big cities of Sindh. Health and environmental systems in these cities are deteriorating day by day. Karachi is called the economic hub of the country but authorities seems to be very non serious in resolving the issues of the city.

PMA has always raised its voice to overcome the basic problems of the people, but now, PMA reiterates its demands that all the stake holders, especially all the political parties to come forward, join hands together for the betterment of the people without indulging into blame game.

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