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South Asia Tactical (UPDATE): Power supply, flight disruptions recorded in Goa, India on May 16 due to Cyclone Tauktae; remain cognizant of local updates

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Please be advised:

- According to the **Indian** Meteorological Department (IMD), storm system Tauktae has intensified into a very severe cyclonic storm as of the evening hours (local time) on May 16 while located approximately 120 km west-northwest of Panaji, Goa.
- Flight operations have been suspended at Goa International Airport (GOI) on May 16 as several airlines canceled services. Power supply disruptions have been recorded across the state, while two deaths were reported due to weather-related incidents, 500 trees fallen, nearly 100 homes damaged, and roads flooded.
- The IMD forecasts light to moderate rainfall over Kerala, coastal Karnataka, Goa, and the coastal districts of Saurashtra, Gujarat, through May 17, with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall in some places. Saurashtra and Kutch, Diu, and south Gujarat as well as southern Rajasthan are expected to receive heavy to very heavy rainfall from May 17-19. Reports also indicate that heavy to very rainfall is anticipated in isolated parts of Mumbai on May 17.
- Gale winds up to 160 kph are forecast for the eastern coast over the coming hours until at least the morning of May 18. The IMD warned of potential damage over parts of Gujarat, including infrastructural damage, uprooting power and communication poles, damage to roads, and flooding, while visibility may be severely affected.
- The **Pakistan** Meteorological Department (PMD) indicated that Tauktae is moving northwest at a speed of 15 kph. Dust and thunderstorms with intermittent heavy rainfall and gusty winds up to 80 kph are forecast for the Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Tharparker, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, and Sanghar districts of Sindh on May 17-19, while Karachi, Hyderabad, and Shaheed Benazirabad are forecast to receive hot weather and gusty winds.

Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing in India and Pakistan on May 16 and over the coming days are advised to avoid nonessential travel to the aforementioned affected and at-risk areas due to the inclement weather conditions while remaining cognizant of local updates.
2. Allot for disruptions to traffic and public utilities, and reconfirm all flight and overland travel itineraries.
3. Do not walk or drive through floodwaters.

4. In case of flood warnings, immediately evacuate to higher ground. Once higher ground has been reached, do not attempt to evacuate the wider region alone and seek professional assistance with evacuations.
5. Avoid contact with floodwater, including through bathing and drinking. Ensure adequate supply of bottled water; boil water before consumption as a last resort.
6. Confirm that places of stay have working generators in case of power outages while packing sufficient batteries and flashlights.
7. Charge essential electronic devices such as cellular phones, laptops, and tablet computers ahead of the planned power outage, and initiate energy-saving functions on these devices as needed.
8. Disconnect all surge-prone devices such as computers, televisions, and appliances to prevent potential damage.