

KARACHI: The country's ports have finalised arrangements to tackle any eventuality arising out of a possible cyclone threat hitting the coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan, an official said on Friday. The Karachi Port Trust (KPT) started shifting ships towards safe waters in view of threat of Cyclone ~~het~~. For the safety of the port and vessels 12 ships would move towards the south and southwest, a KPT official said. The exercise has been initiated to avoid any damages to the berths and ships due to cyclone, he said. The ships are taken out of the port today (Friday) because it will take a day to reach safe waters. Out of the twelve ships, three have completed loading and offloading of the cargo and moved towards the safe waters and the rest would follow them, he said. An official of the PSA Gwadar said, At present, there is only one vessel M/V Fox Maiden containing urea at the Gwadar Port, however, we are prepared for any emergency and the situation at the harbour is under control. A low intensity cyclone is likely to hit the area, he said, adding that monsoon has already started in the area and water swell is three to five metres with the wind speed at 20-25 knots, which is normal.

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