

**ISLAMABAD** - Several roads damaged and deteriorated as a result of recent spell of winter rains in the Federal Capital need urgent maintenance by the concerned department of Capital Development Authority (CDA). After the rains, different roads have broken and even big holes could be seen which poses not only a serious threat to the vehicles but also lives of their drivers. According to a survey conducted by this agency here on Sunday, the road from NDC to 7-Up Chowk being used by heavy traffic now presents an ugly look as it has been deteriorated and turned into pieces after the rains. The entire road especially near the Islamabad Railway Station and I-10/3 industrial area is in a very bad shape and several vehicles have met with the accidents, said Talha Nadeem, a motorist who lives in I-10/2 Sector and uses this road for attending his office in Blue Area. He said during the rain, the road turns into a pond and the drivers cannot spot the big holes in the roads and as a result they damage their vehicles. Similarly, link road from Sabzi Mandi to NDC has also been broken and almost a kilometer long portion requires urgent maintenance. A taxi driver also informed that there are also big holes in the center of the road in front of H-9 College and said the concerned authorities are not interested in the rehabilitation of this road which is being used by a large number of public and private transports. He pointed out that portion of Kashmir Road between Peshawar More to G-10 turning also need urgent repairing. When contacted, an official of the concerned department of CDA informed that the maintenance of all the roads is carried out on regular basis. The repair and maintenance work of all these roads would also be completed as early as possible. Meanwhile, the sale of fish in the federal capital has registered an increase and different sale points are available in different areas. The demand of fish in capital has increased a lot due to decrease in temperature during past few days. Different types of fish are available in the market for fish lovers. The most common fish in Islamabad is Rohu, Mahasher, Thela fish, finger fish, salmon, silver and Common carp. Raw fish is available in different corners of roads in Islamabad. However, the rates of raw fish are :Rohu, Rs 250, Mahasher Rs 300, Silver Rs. 240 and Salmon Rs. 700. Different fried fish points are available for fish lovers. Melody food street is one of the famous fish points in G-6 Islamabad where a lot of variety is available for customers. However Aabpara market and G-10 Markaz are also famous for it. The rates of fried fish are Rohu Rs. 500, Silver Rs 450, Rs Salmon Rs. 1500 and Mahasher Rs. 650 in Capital. A fish dealer told APP that Karachi and Mangla are two main sources of fish in Islamabad. Meanwhile, sale of winter clothes including second-hand variety has increased in twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi. Cold and chilly weather and the rain of the last two days forced the people to buy winter clothes and other necessary items to bear the severe wave of coldnews in the town. Snowfall at Murree hills also affected the weather of the capital city. All kinds of wears and accessories including gloves, woolen hats, mufflers, pullovers, sweater shirts and jackets are seen hanging in front of stalls, shops in weekly bazaars, attracting the customers. A shopper at H-9 weekly bazaar said that the prices of new winter wears are out of our reach. We, therefore, rush to second-hand clothes stalls, where quality clothes are available at affordable rates, he added. Stall of winter clothes and sales points of shoes can be witnessed at Aabpara Market, Melody Market, Super Market, Jinnah Super Market, Sittara Market, Peshawar Morr, Karachi Company, Faizabad, Commercial Market, Sadiqabad Chowk, Raja Bazaar and at many other big shopping malls and markets of the twin cities. Many people throng to weekly bazaars and Lunda bazaars to buy clothes at cheaper rates. Shopkeepers are looking busy in making their business.

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