

3-day Space Weather Conditions (SUPARCO)

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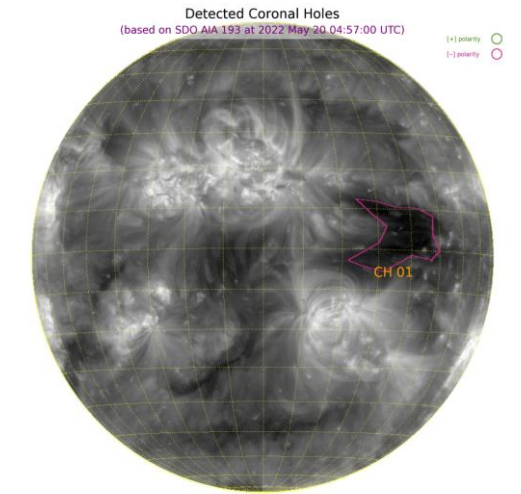
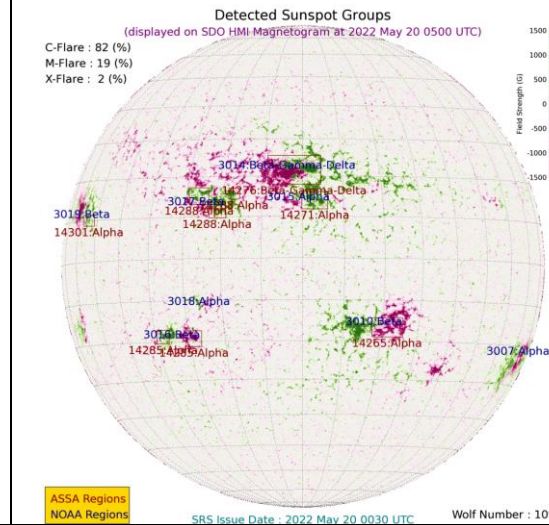


LOCAL CURRENT IONOSPHERIC CONDITIONS (SON)								
DATE	20-May-22(noon)			21-May-22 (noon)			22-May-22 (noon)	
foF2	11.6 MHz			11.2 MHz			10.7 MHz	
h'F2	373 km			365 km			358 km	
TEC	48 TECU			45 TECU			43 TECU	
Maximum Usable Frequency (MUF) and Optimum Traffic Frequency (FOT) for various distances								
Distance (km)	100	200	400	600	800	1000	1500	3000
MUF (MHz) for 3 days (20 May-22 May)	11.7	12.0	13.1	14.6	16.4	18.3	23.1	28.7
	11.4	11.7	12.8	14.3	16.1	18.0	22.8	29.2
	11.0	11.3	12.4	13.3	15.7	17.6	22.4	31.4
FOT (MHz) for 3 days (20 May-22 May)	9.9	10.2	11.1	12.4	13.9	15.6	19.6	24.4
	9.7	9.8	10.8	12.2	13.7	15.3	19.4	24.8
	9.4	9.6	10.5	11.3	13.3	15.0	19.1	26.7
Local ionospheric conditions are enhanced as compared to the predicted monthly median MUF.								
LOCAL GEOMAGNETIC CONDITIONS								
K-index	2			Quiet geomagnetic activity expected			Quiet geomagnetic activity expected	
F (SON/ISB)	45585/50095 nT			45593±10 /50100±20 nT			45593±10/50100±20 nT	
The local geomagnetic field is quiet at the moment.								
SOLAR CONDITIONS								
SN	154			130 (SSN-predicted)			110 (SSN-predicted)	
F 10.7	173 sfu			156 sfu			140 sfu	
V _{sw}	534.8 km/s (varied in the past 12 hrs between 430 & 656 km/s)			Moderate level of solar wind speed is expected.			Moderate level of solar wind speed is expected.	
Solar flares	C1.2 (max. flare in the past 24 hrs: M5 0719 UT)			Moderate to high levels of solar activity expected.			Moderate levels of solar activity expected.	
IMF Bt Bz	5.0 nT (varied in the past 12 hrs between 5.5 nT & 7.2 nT) 4.8 nT (varied in the past 12 hrs between -2.7 nT & 3.8 nT)			Expected to vary between positive and negative sectors.			Expected to vary between positive and negative sectors.	
Solar conditions are at moderate to high levels with background X-ray flux at C-class levels.								

Daily Sun: 20 May 2022

There is one active region AR3014 present on the solar limb capable of producing strong M and X-Class solar flares having chances of 19% and 2% respectively.

01 Coronal Hole (CH) is detected on the solar disk.



2-Day Conditions

Solar activity is expected to be at moderate to high levels with background X-ray flux at C-class levels.

Moderate solar wind speed is expected due to coronal hole and CME impact.

Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic conditions are expected over the weekend.

Minor to moderate radio blackouts may be observed in case of solar flares.

Enhanced HF conditions are expected for the next 2 days. It is advised to use the frequency ranges mentioned in the ionospheric section.

For information on radio blackout levels, please follow the link:

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>

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Data sources: The planetary indices and solar data are taken from the URLs below:

<http://www.spaceweather.go.kr>

<http://www.sws.bom.gov.au>

<http://www.solarmonitor.org>

Sonmiani (SON): 25.2° N, 66.75° E

Islamabad (ISB): 33.7° N, 73.13° E

ANNEXURE

DEFINITIONS OF TERMINOLOGIES USED IN THIS SUMMARY	
foF2	Maximum frequency of F2-layer of the ionosphere
h'F2	Virtual height of the F2-layer
MUF	Maximum usable frequency for 3000 km
K-index	Local index defining geomagnetic conditions
Declination	Planetary A index defining geomagnetic conditions, predicted value during geomagnetic unsettled Conditions
F	Magnitude of the total geomagnetic field vector (unit in nano Teslas)
SON, difference	Sonmiani Geomagnetic Observatory mean value, <u>difference limit</u> from night time value of quiet conditions: 25-30 nT, max: 260 nT
ISP	Islamabad Geomagnetic Observatory mean value
SN	Relative sunspot numbers
Vsw	Solar Wind Speed (km/s)
F10.7	Solar radio flux at 2.8 GHz (10.7 cm wavelength)
sfu	Solar flux unit (defines the solar radio 10.7 cm flux)
Solar Flare	Could be B, C, M and X depending upon the intensity of x-rays being emitted (each type has further 10 classes based on amount of energy released by the flare)
IMF	Interplanetary magnetic field (the source of which is the Sun)
Bt	Total IMF (unit in Nano Teslas)
Bz	Vertical component of IMF (could be north/upward/positive or south/downward/negative) (unit in nano Teslas)
AR	Active Regions on the sun currently in view
CME	Coronal Mass Ejection
CH	Coronal Hole
KASI	Korean Astronomy & Space Science Institute
SWFs	Short-wave fadeouts, caused by M/X class flares on the daylit side of the hemisphere absorbing lower Frequencies and hampering HF communication.
SSN-predicted	Smooth Sunspot Number-it is an estimated value using a mathematical relation to forecast it.