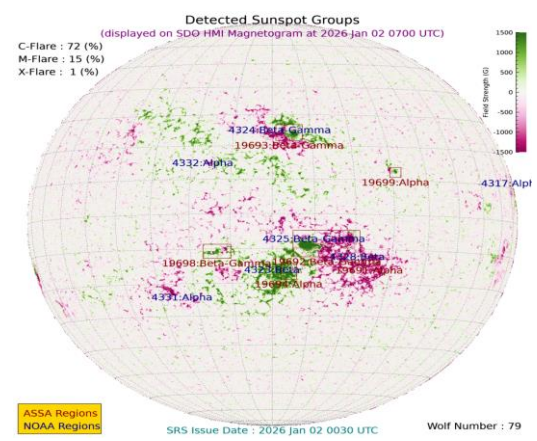
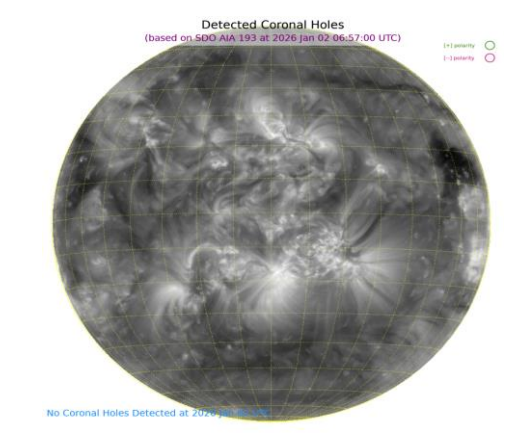
3-day Space Weather Conditions (SUPARCO)

Friday, January 02, 2026, 13:08 PST

Radio Blackouts			Solar Radiation Storms			Geomagnetic Storms		
-24 Hr	Current	Predicted	-24 Hr	Current	Predicted	-24 Hr	Current	Predicted
R0 / R1	R0	R1 – R2	S0	S0	S0	G0	G0	G2 / G1

LOCAL CURRENT IONOSPHERIC CONDITIONS (SON)								
DATE	**2-Jan-26 (noon)**			**3-Jan-26 (noon)**			**4-Jan-26 (noon)**	
foF2	14.8 MHz			14.5 MHz			14.2 MHz	
h'F2	323 km			310 km			300 km	
TEC	78 TECU			76 TECU			73 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 (02 Jan– 04 Jan)	15.0	15.5	17.4	20.1	23.5	26.6	34.5	39.3
	14.7	15.2	17.2	20.0	23.3	26.5	34.2	39.2
	14.4	15.0	17.0	19.8	23.1	26.3	34.0	39.0
FOT (MHz) for 3 days (02 Jan – 04 Jan)	12.8	13.1	14.8	17.1	20.0	22.6	29.3	33.4
	12.5	12.9	14.6	17.0	19.8	22.5	29.1	33.3
	12.2	12.8	14.5	16.8	19.6	22.4	28.9	33.1
Local ionospheric conditions are normal as compared to the predicted monthly median MUF.								
LOCAL GEOMAGNETIC CONDITIONS								
K-index	3 (Quiet)			Disturbed geomagnetic activity is expected.			Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic activity is expected.	
F (SON/ISB)	45670/50500 nT			45672±10 /50505±20 nT			45675±10/50510±20 nT	
The local geomagnetic field is quiet at the moment								
SOLAR CONDITIONS								
SN	120			117 (SSN-predicted)			114 (SSN-predicted)	
F 10.7	169 sfu			160 sfu			156 sfu	
V_{sw}	480.4 km/s (Varied in the past 12 hrs between 402 & 550 km/s)			Low to moderate levels of solar wind speed may prevail.			Low to moderate levels of solar wind speed may prevail.	
Solar flares	C1.2 (max. flare in the past (C6, 0017 UT)			Low to moderate levels of solar activity is expected.			Low to moderate levels of solar activity is expected.	
IMF Bt	+6.9 nT (varied in the past 12 hrs between +5.81 nT & +7.45 nT)			Expected to vary between positive and negative sectors.			Expected to vary between positive and negative sectors.	
Bz	+0.71 nT (varied in the past 12 hrs between -6.43 nT & +2.74 nT)							
Solar conditions are at moderate to high levels with background X-ray flux at C-class levels.								

Daily Sun: 2 January 2026		
There are two active regions AR4324 and AR4325 present on the Sun capable of producing strong M and X-class solar flares having chances of 27% and 12% respectively. No Coronal Hole (CH) is detected on the solar disk.		
2-Day Conditions		
▪ Solar activity is expected to be at moderate to high levels. ▪ In case of M/X-class solar flares, minor to moderate level HF radio blackouts may be observed. ▪ A coronal mass ejection (CME) arrival is expected in the late hours of today which may cause G2 level geomagnetic storm. ▪ Moderate to slightly elevated levels of solar wind speed are expected to prevail due to the impact of coronal mass ejection (CME) ▪ Disturbed geomagnetic activity is expected over the weekend. ▪ Normal ionospheric conditions are expected for the next 2 days. It is advised to use the frequency ranges mentioned in the ionospheric section.		

Credits:

Solar conditions courtesy to SOHO, DSCOVR and GOES-16 missions.
NOAA SWPC is acknowledged for solar radio flux conditions.
Korean Space Weather Centre is acknowledged for solar disk and coronal hole images.

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, difference limit from night time value of quiet conditions: 25-30 nT, max: 260 nT
ISB	Islamabad Geomagnetic Observatory mean value
SN	Relative sunspot numbers
V_{SW}	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 day lit 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.

RSG SCALES

Radio Blackouts				
Minor	**Moderate**	**Strong**	**Severe**	**Extreme**
R1	**R2**	**R3**	**R4**	**R5**

Solar Radiation Storms				
Minor	**Moderate**	**Strong**	**Severe**	**Extreme**
S1	**S2**	**S3**	**S4**	**S5**

Geomegnatic Storms				
Minor	**Moderate**	**Strong**	**Severe**	**Extreme**
G1	**G2**	**G3**	**G4**	**G5**