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Warning for Strong winds, Heavy Rain and Rough seas

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 08.00 p.m. 15th November 2018.

For the period until 02.00 p.m. 16th November 2018

**For Northern and North-Central Provinces and Puttalam and Trincomalee districts
and for Northern, Eastern and Gulf of Mannar sea areas**

PLEASE BE AWARE:

The Severe Cyclonic storm 'GAJA' over the Southwest Bay of Bengal is now located approximately 170 km away from Kankasanturai to the northeast of Sri Lanka, near latitude-10.8N, Longitude-81.2E at 05.30p.m. on 15 November. It is very likely to move west-southwestwards.

The system is expected to cross South Tamil Nadu coast and the center of the system is very likely to move approximately 90km away from the northern coast of Sri Lanka during today (15) night.

FOR LAND AREA:

Under the influence of this system showery and windy condition will enhance over the Northern and North-central provinces and in the Puttalam and Trincomalee districts from today (15) night.

High winds (80 - 90) kmph, gusting up to 100kmph can be expected over the Jaffna peninsula. Very strong winds (60-70) kmph, gusting up to 80kmph can be expected over Mannar, Puttalam, Trincomalee, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Killinochchi, Mullaitivu and Vauniya districts.

Showers and thundershowers at times with very heavy falls above 150mm can be expected in the Jaffna peninsula and in the Killinochchi district. Heavy falls above 100mm can be expected in other areas in the Northern Province.

Sea water inundation may occur in the low lying areas in the near coast from Mannar to Kankasanturai.

FOR SEA AREA:

High winds (80 - 90) kmph, gusting up to 110kmph can be expected over the sea areas off the coast extending from Trincomalee to Puttalam via Kankasanturai and Mannar will be very rough at times.

Sea areas off the coast extending from Batticaloa to Trincomalee can be rough at times as the wind speed can increase up to (60-70) kmph.

Heavy showers or thundershowers can be expected in the sea areas off the coast extending from Mullaitivu to Mannar via Kankasanturai.

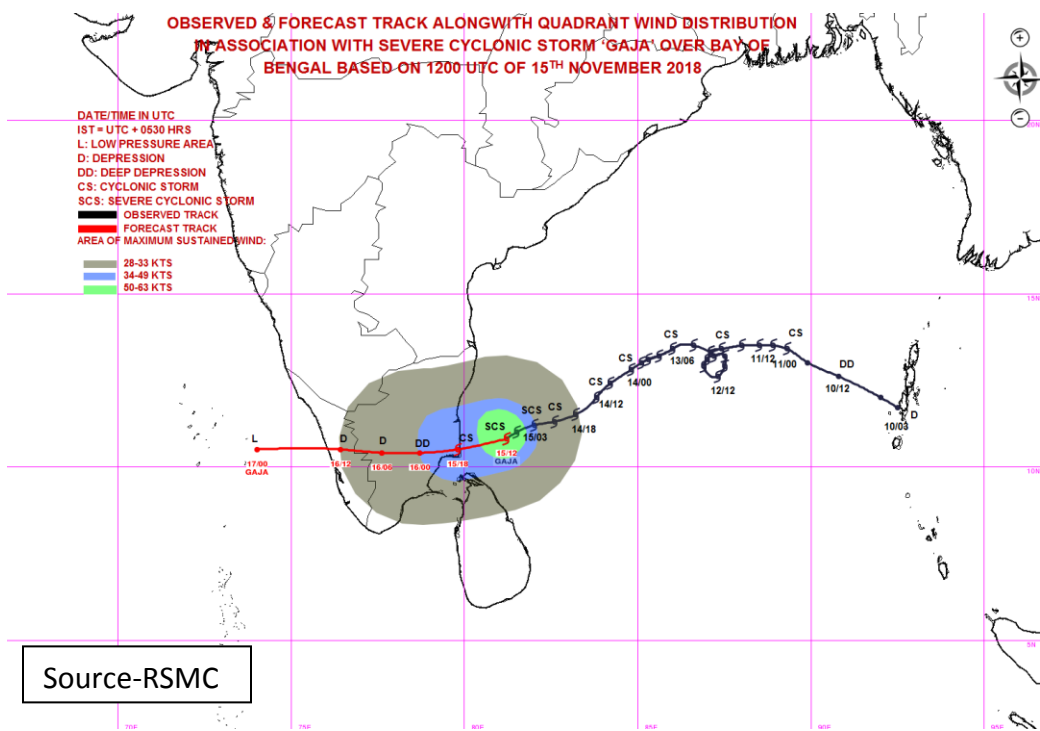


DAMAGE EXPECTED:

- Damage to thatched huts/houses, roof tops may blow off and unattached metal sheets may fly.
- Damage to power and communication lines.
- Breaking of tree branches and uprooting of large avenue trees.
- Damage to paddy crops, banana, papaya trees and orchards.

ACTION SUGGESTED:

- Fishermen are advised not to venture into sea areas off coast extending from Trincomalee to Puttalam via Kankasanturai and Mannar.
- The fishermen, who are in northern part of South-west Bay of Bengal, are advised to move safer sea areas.
- Coastal hutment dwellers in Northern coastal area are advised to move to safer places. Other people in the affected areas to remain indoors.
- Beware of fallen trees and power lines.
- Avoid using wired telephones and connected electric appliances during thunderstorms.
- For emergency assistance contact the local disaster management authorities.



Forecast position and approximate distance to the center location from Kankasanturai		
Date/Time (SLST) (Hrs)	Position (Lat/Lon)	Distance to KKS (km)
2018.11.15/2330	10.5 N /79.8 E	90 (over Indian land)
2018.11.16/0530	10.4 N /78.7 E	160

The next bulletin will be issued at 11.00 p.m on 15th November 2018