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Advisory for heavy rain and lightning

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At 01.30 a.m. 17 September 2019 for the period until 01.30 p.m. 17 September 2019

For Land Areas

PLEASE BE AWARE

Showers or thundershowers are expected in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern and Central and provinces. Heavy falls about 100 mm (within next 24 hrs) are likely at some places.

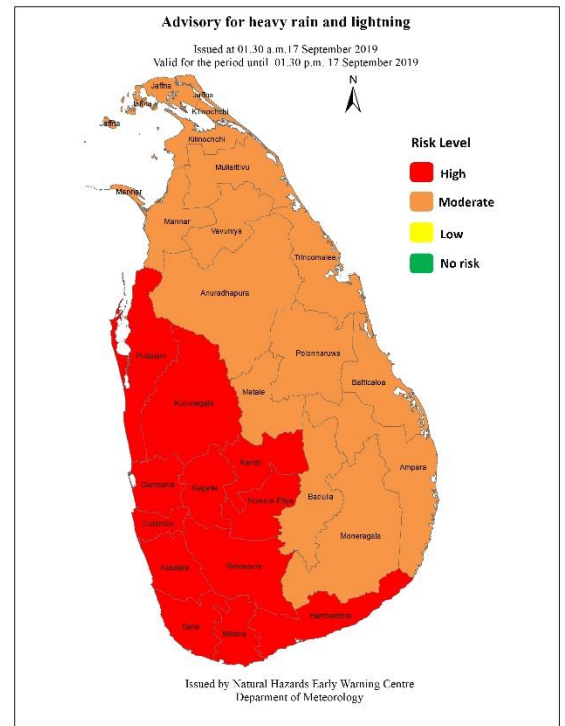
Showers or thundershowers will occur Uva and Eastern, provinces and in Vavuniya, Mullaitivu and Anuradhapura districts after 2.00 p.m.

There may be temporary localized strong winds during thundershowers. General public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by lightning activity.

ACTION REQUIRED:

The Department of Meteorology advises that people should:

- Seek shelter, preferably indoors and never under trees.
- Avoid open areas such as paddy fields, tea plantations and open water bodies during thunderstorms.
- Avoid using wired telephones and connected electric appliances during thunderstorms.
- Avoid using open vehicles, such as bicycles, tractors and boats etc.
- Beware of fallen trees and power lines.
- For emergency assistance contact the local disaster management authorities.



Rainfall amount (mm): Fairly Heavy rain: 50 -100, Heavy rain: 100 – 150, Very heavy rain: 150 or more.

State of Sea: Clam: (0-5) Kmph Smooth: (05-15) kmph, Slight: (16-28) kmph, Moderate: (29-37) kmph, Fairly rough: (28-46) kmph, Rough: (47-55) kmph, Very rough: (56-74) kmph, High: (75-102) kmph, Very high: above 103kmph