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Thunderstorm Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 04.30 p.m. 10 September 2018 for the period until 08.30 p.m. 10 September 2018

Northern, North-central, Eastern, Uva and Central provinces.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning and fairly heavy rain are likely to occur in the warning areas during next several (about four) hours. Fairly heavy falls are expected at some places (**above 50 mm**).

Temporarily strong gusty winds up to 70-80 kmph are also possible during thundershowers.

SITUATION AT 04.30 p.m.

The active clouds which have developed in the Northern, Uva and Central provinces.

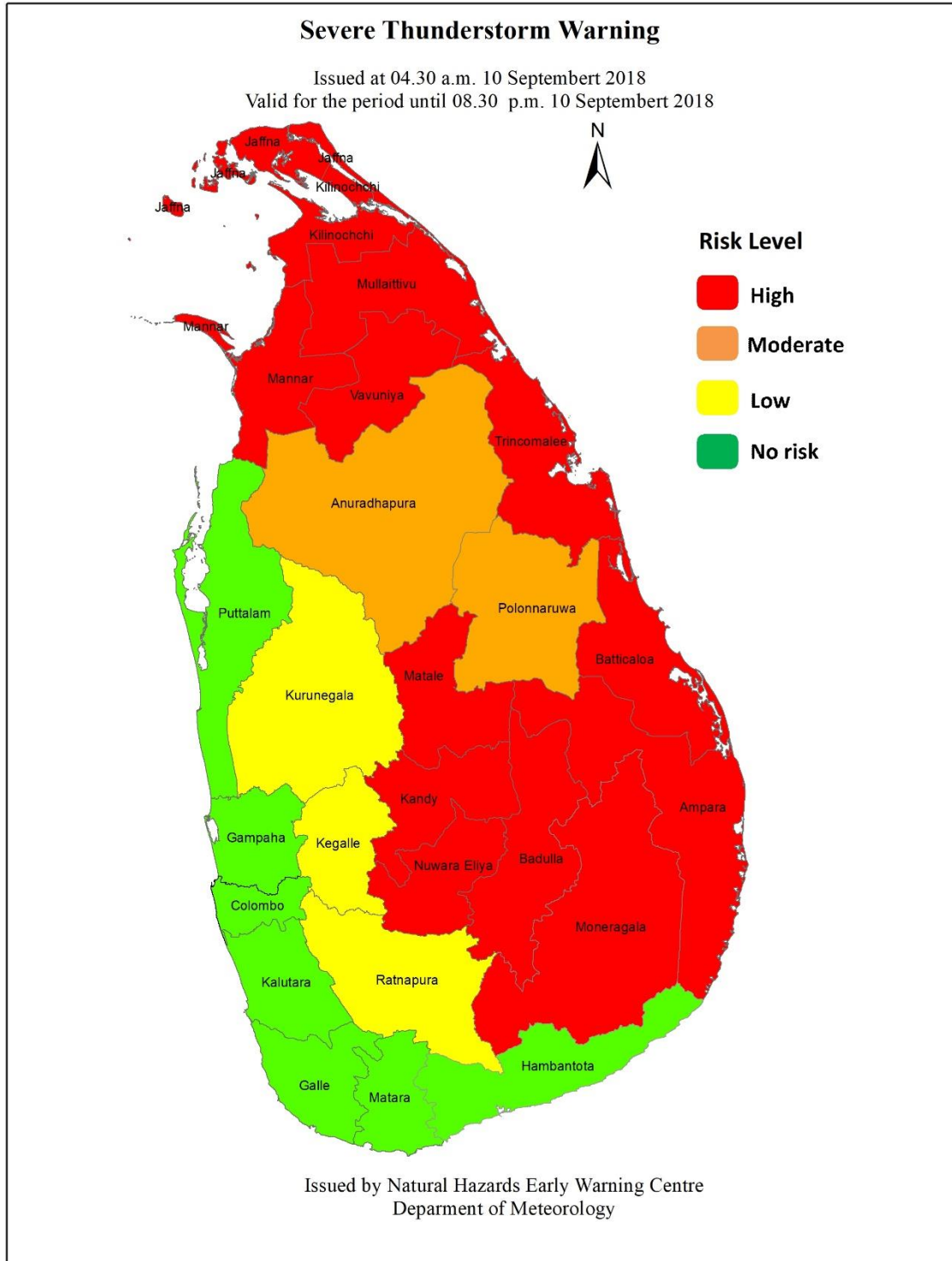
FORECAST

The active clouds are likely to persist during next few hours.

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.



Spatial rainfall distribution: Isolated: <25%, A few: 26-50%, Many: 51-75%, Most: 76-100%
Rainfall amount (mm): Fairly Heavy rain: 50 -100, Heavy rain: 100 – 150, Very heavy rain: 150 or more.