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Severe thunderstorm and Heavy Rain fall Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 02.30 p.m. 12th January 2019 for the period until 08.30 p.m. 12th January 2019

Ratnapura, Kaluthara, Galle and Matara districts

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning and heavy rain are likely to occur in the above mentioned warning areas during next few (about six) hours.

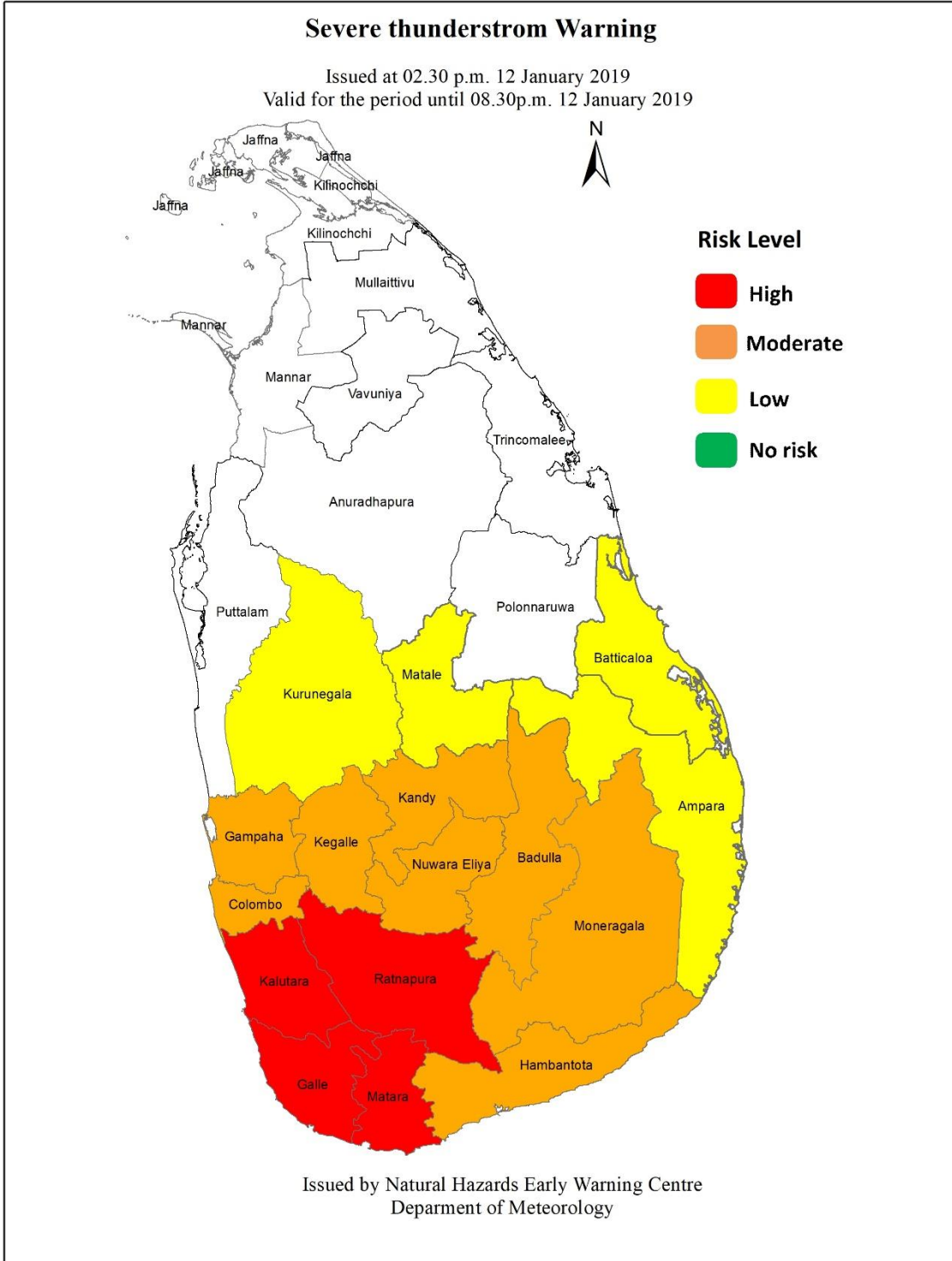
Heavy falls (above 100 mm) can be expected at some places.

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

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.