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Severe Thunderstorm and Heavy Rain fall Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 04.00 p.m. 08 May 2018 for the period until 11.00 p.m. 08 May 2018

Central, Sabaragamuwa, Uva and Eastern provinces and in Galle, Matara, Polonnaruwa, Kaluthara and Puttalam districts.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning and thunder are likely to occur in the warning areas during next several (about seven) hours. Heavy falls are expected at some places (**above 100 mm**)

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

SITUATION AT 04.00 p.m.

Fairly heavy rainfalls are received at the time in Ratnapura and Badulla districts.

(NBRO Rain gauges)	Kaltota (Rathnapura)	- 96.5 mm
	Weligepola (Rathnapura)	- 68.2 mm
(MET Rain gauges)	Springvally (Nuwara-Eliya)	- 80.2 mm
	Ramboda (Nuwara-Eliya)	- 53.2 mm

FORECAST

Rainy condition is 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.

