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Severe Thunderstorm and Heavy Rain fall Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 07.30 p.m. 16 May 2018 for the period until 01.30 a.m. 17 May 2018

Western, Central, Sabaragamuwa, North-western provinces and in Galle and Matara districts.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning and heavy rain are likely to occur in the warning areas during next several (about six) 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 07.00 p.m.

Heavy and fairly heavy rainfalls are received at the time in Kurunegala, Ratnapura and Kegalle districts.

(NBRO Rain gauges)	Ridigama (Kurunegala)	133.2 mm
	Walpolakanda (Kurunegala)	94.5 mm
	Waleboda (Ratnapura)	71.0 mm
(MET Rain gauges)	Waharaka (Kegalle)	95.5 mm

FORECAST

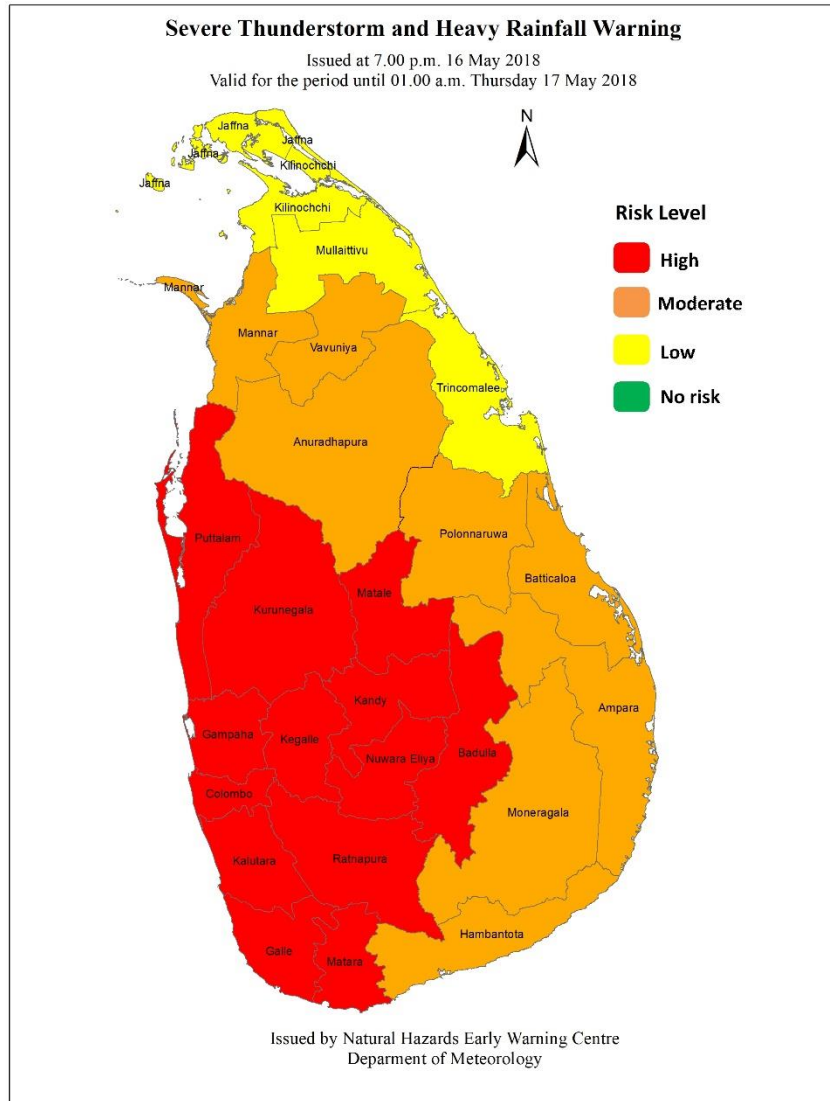
Rainy condition is likely to persist during next few hours.



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.



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.