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Severe Thunderstorm Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 03.30 p.m. 11th January 2019 for the period until 08.30 p.m. 11th January 2019

For Galle, Mathara, Rathnapura and Kaluthara districts

PLEASE BE AWARE:

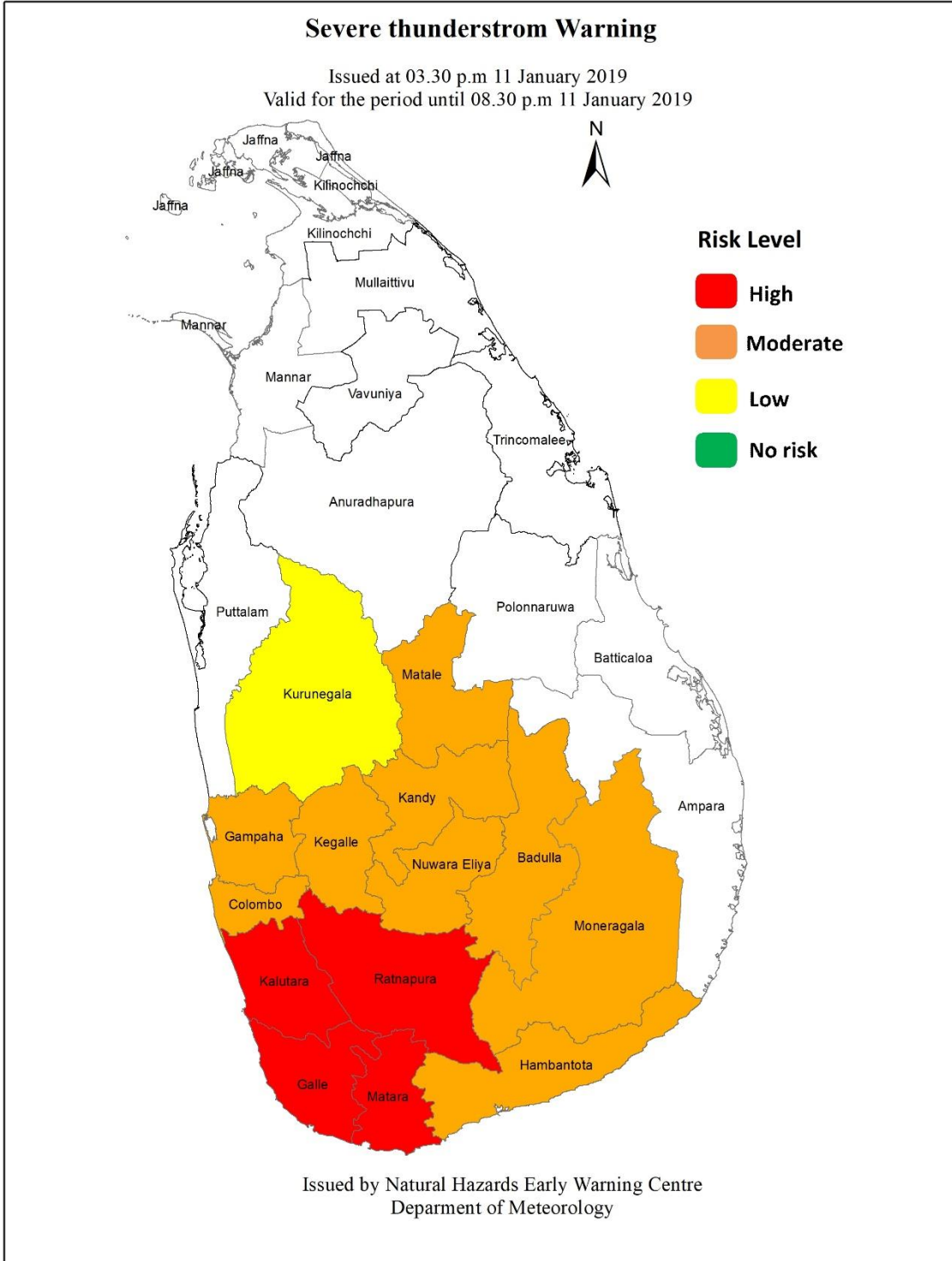
Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning likely to occur in the above mentioned warning areas during next few (about five) hours.

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.