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Advisory for Heavy Rain and Severe Lightning

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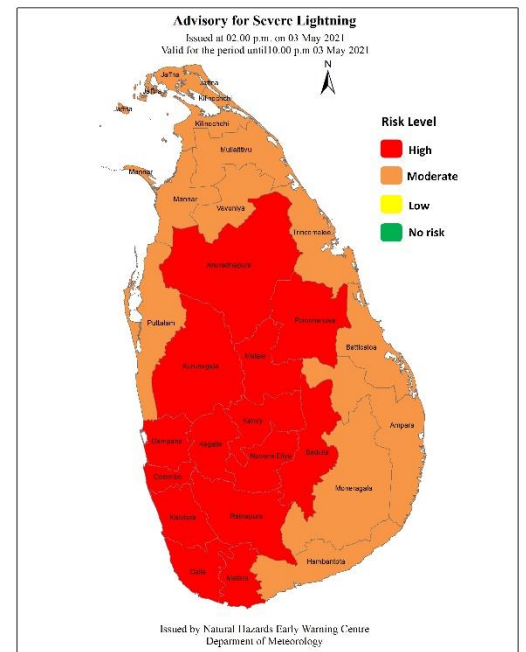
PLEASE BE AWARE:

Showers or thundershowers will occur in the most parts of the island during the evening or night.

Very heavy rainfalls about 150 mm can be expected at some places in Sabaragamuwa and Western provinces and in Galle and Matara districts. Heavy rainfalls above 100 mm can be expected at some places in North-western, Uva and Central provinces.

Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur in Western, Sabaragamuwa, Central, and North-western and Uva provinces and in Mannar, Anuradhapura, Galle and Matara districts.

There may be temporary localized strong winds during thundershowers. General public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by lightning activity.



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.

Color: -Red
Warning (Take action)

Color: -Amber
Advisory (Be prepared)

Color: -Green
Threat is over

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.