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Special Advisory for Heavy Rain, Strong wind and Severe Lightning

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For the land areas

PLEASE BE AWARE:

The showery condition is expected to enhance to some extent over most parts of the island particularly Western, Central, Sabaragamuwa and North-western provinces today and tomorrow.

Very heavy falls about 100-150 mm can be expected at some places in Kaluthara, Kegalle, Rathnapura, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Gampaha and Kandy districts.

Heavy falls about 75-100 mm can be expected at some places in Colombo, Matale, Nuwara-Eliya, Anuradhapura, Mannar and Vavuniya districts.

DAMAGE EXPECTED:

- Damage to thatched huts/houses, roof tops may blow off and unattached metal sheets may fly.
- Breaking of tree branches and uprooting of large avenue trees.
- Damages cause by Lightning

ACTION SUGGESTED:

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.
- Coastal hutment dwellers are advised to move to safer places. Other people in the affected areas to remain indoors.
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- For emergency assistance contact the local disaster management authorities.