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## Advisory on Severe Lightning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 12.30 p.m. 10 September 2019 for the period until 11.00 p.m. 10 September 2019

### For Eastern, Uva, North-central, Northern and Central provinces and in Hambanthota district

#### PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur at several places in Eastern, Uva, North-central, Northern and Central provinces and in Hambanthota district after 2.00 pm.

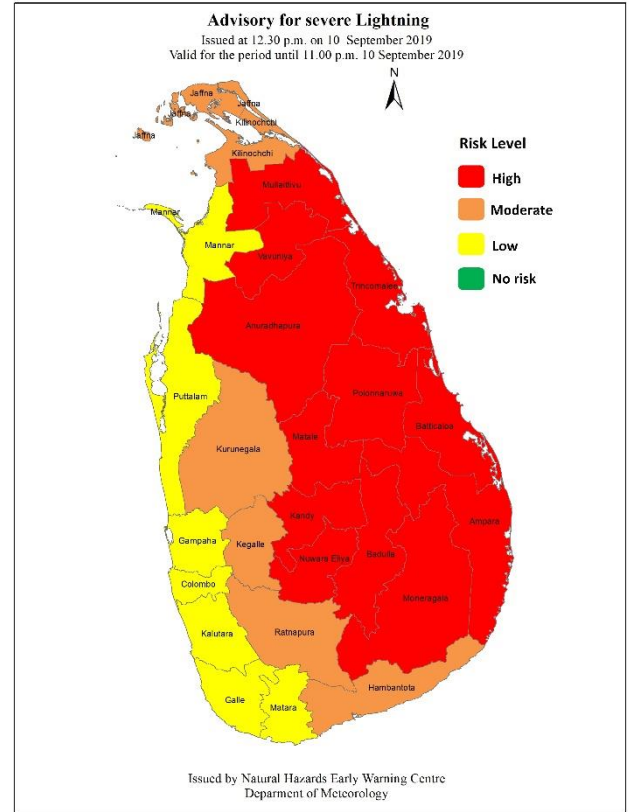
Fairly heavy falls above 75 mm are likely at some places in these areas.

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.