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## Advisory on Severe Lightning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 03.00 p.m. 23 May 2019 for the period until 09.00 p.m. 23 May 2019

### For Northern, North-central and Eastern provinces

#### PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur in Northern, North-central and Eastern provinces.

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.

