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Thunderstorm and Heavy Rain fall Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 06.30 p.m. 17 May 2018 for the period until 12.30 a.m. 18 May 2018

Northern, North-Central provinces and in the Trincomalee and Matale districts.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning and heavy rain are likely to occur in the warning areas during next several (about six) hours. Heavy falls are expected at some places (**above 100 mm**)

Temporarily strong gusty winds up to 70-80 kmph are also possible during thundershowers.

SITUATION AT 06.30 p.m.

The active clouds which have developed in the Northern, North-Central provinces and in the Trincomalee and Matale districts.

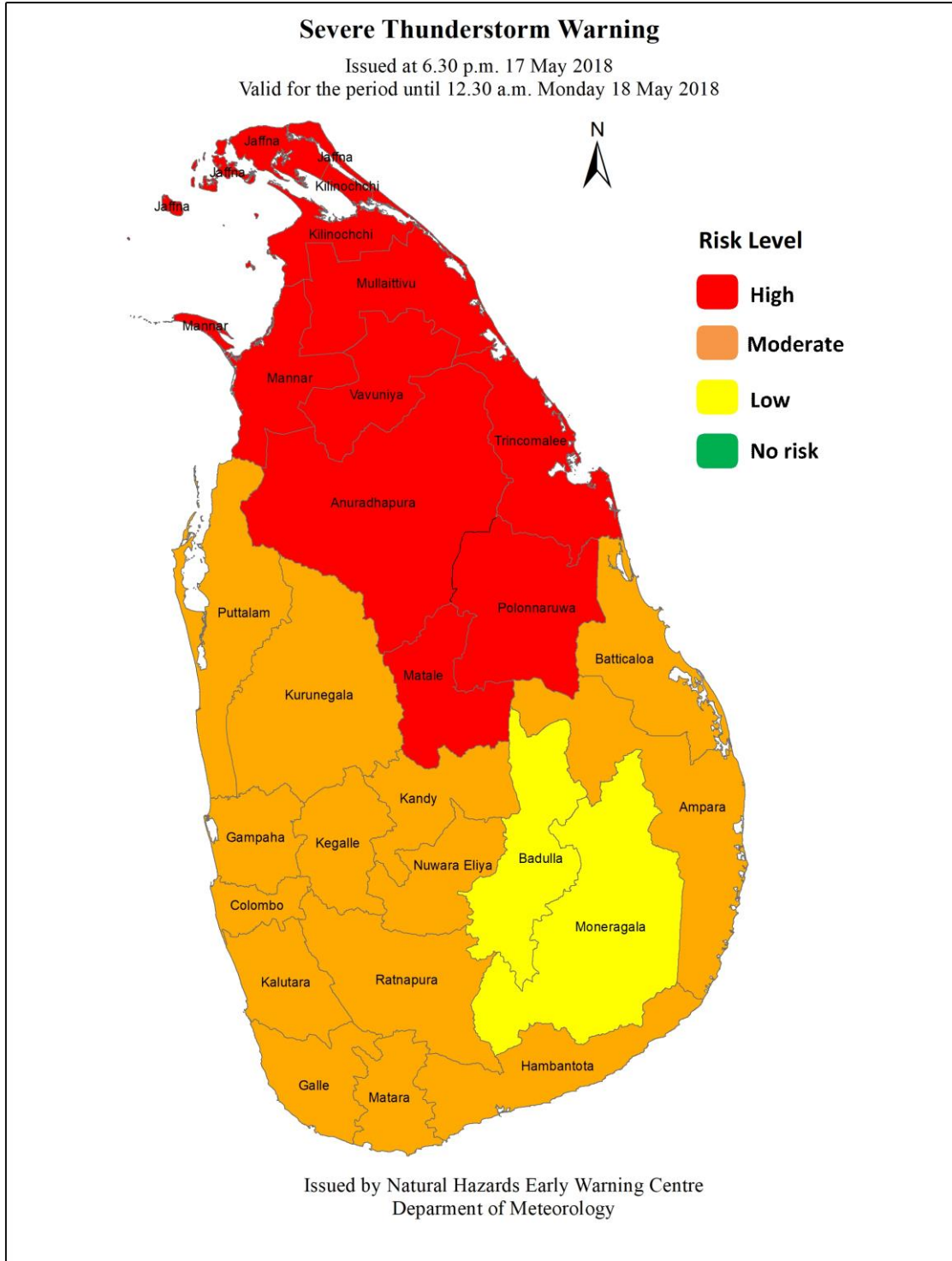
FORECAST

The active clouds are likely to persist during next few hours.

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.