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## Severe Thunderstorm and Heavy Rain fall Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 04.30 p.m. 26 April 2018 for the period until 10.30 p.m. Thursday 26 April 2018

### Western, Sabaragamuwa, Central, North-western and Uva provinces and Galle, Matara, Vauniya and Kilinochchi districts

#### PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning and thunder are likely to occur in the warning areas during next several (about twelve) hours. Fairly heavy rain falls are expected at some places (above 75 mm)

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.

