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Severe thunderstorm and Heavy Rain fall Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center
At 05.00 p.m. 24th November 2018 for the period until 11.00 p.m. 24th November 2018

Sabaragamuwa, Central, North-western, Uva and Western provinces and in Galle and Matara districts

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Showers or thundershowers will occur over most parts of the island.

Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning and heavy rain are likely to occur in the warning areas during next few (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.

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.



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