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Thunderstorm Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 04.30 p.m. 08th February 2019 for the period until 10.30 p.m 08th February 2019

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

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning is likely to occur in the above mentioned warning areas during next few (six) hours.

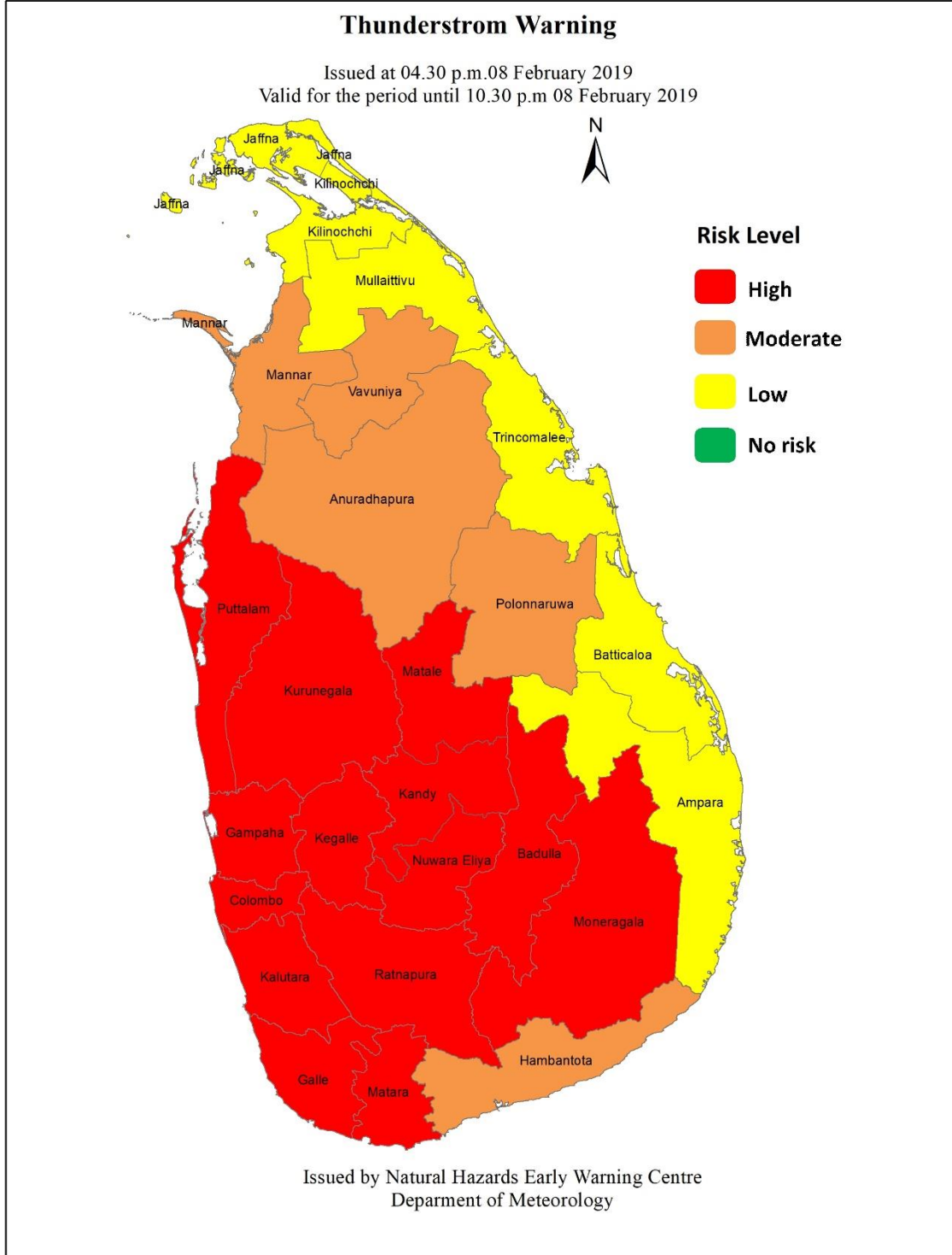
Temporarily strong gusty winds up to 70-80 kmph are also possible during thundershowers.

Heavy falls above 100 mm can be expected at some places.

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.