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Heavy Rain fall and Severe Thunderstorm Warning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 11.30 a.m. 26 February 2019 for the period until 12.00 p.m. 27 February 2019

For Southern, Sabaragamuwa, Central, Western and Uva provinces.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Very Heavy falls above 150 mm can be expected at some places in Rathnapura, Kaluthara, Nuwara-Eliya, Galle and Matara districts. Heavy falls about 100 mm can be expected at some places in Uva province and in Kegalle, Colombo, Gampaha, Kandy, Matale and Hambanthota districts.

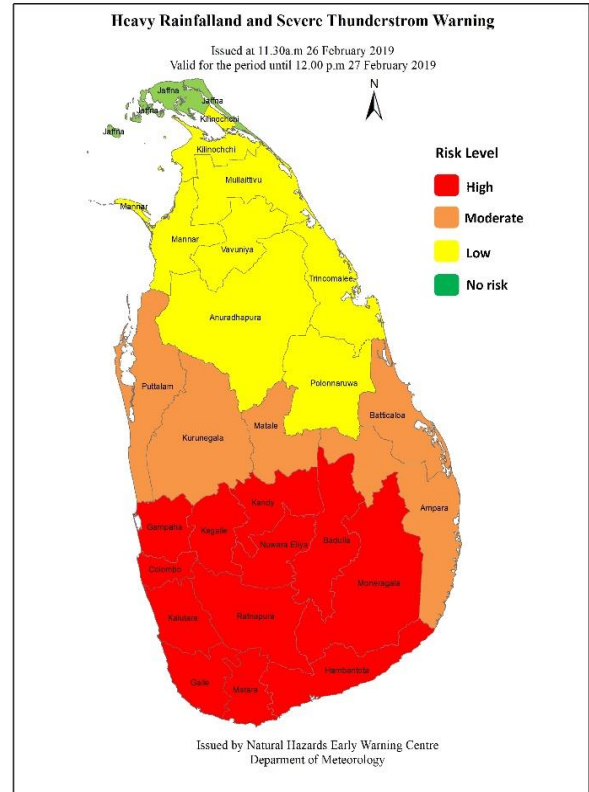
Thunderstorms accompanied by severe lightning and thunder are likely to occur in the warning areas after 2.00 p.m.

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.



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.