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Warning for depression to the East of Sri Lanka.

Issued by the Natural Hazards Early Warning Centre, Department of Meteorology.
Issued at 08.30 p.m. on 10 January 2026 for the period until 08.30 p.m. on 11 January 2026

For the land and the sea areas around the island

TAKE ACTION!

The depression over the southwest Bay of Bengal off the northeast coast of Sri Lanka moved across the northeast coast near Mullaitivu between 3.30 and 4.30 pm today and was centred about 70 km southeast of Jaffna by 5.30 pm. It is likely to move towards the west during the next 12 hours and gradually weaken into a low-pressure area.



Figure- D*epression Track. Source: RSMC*

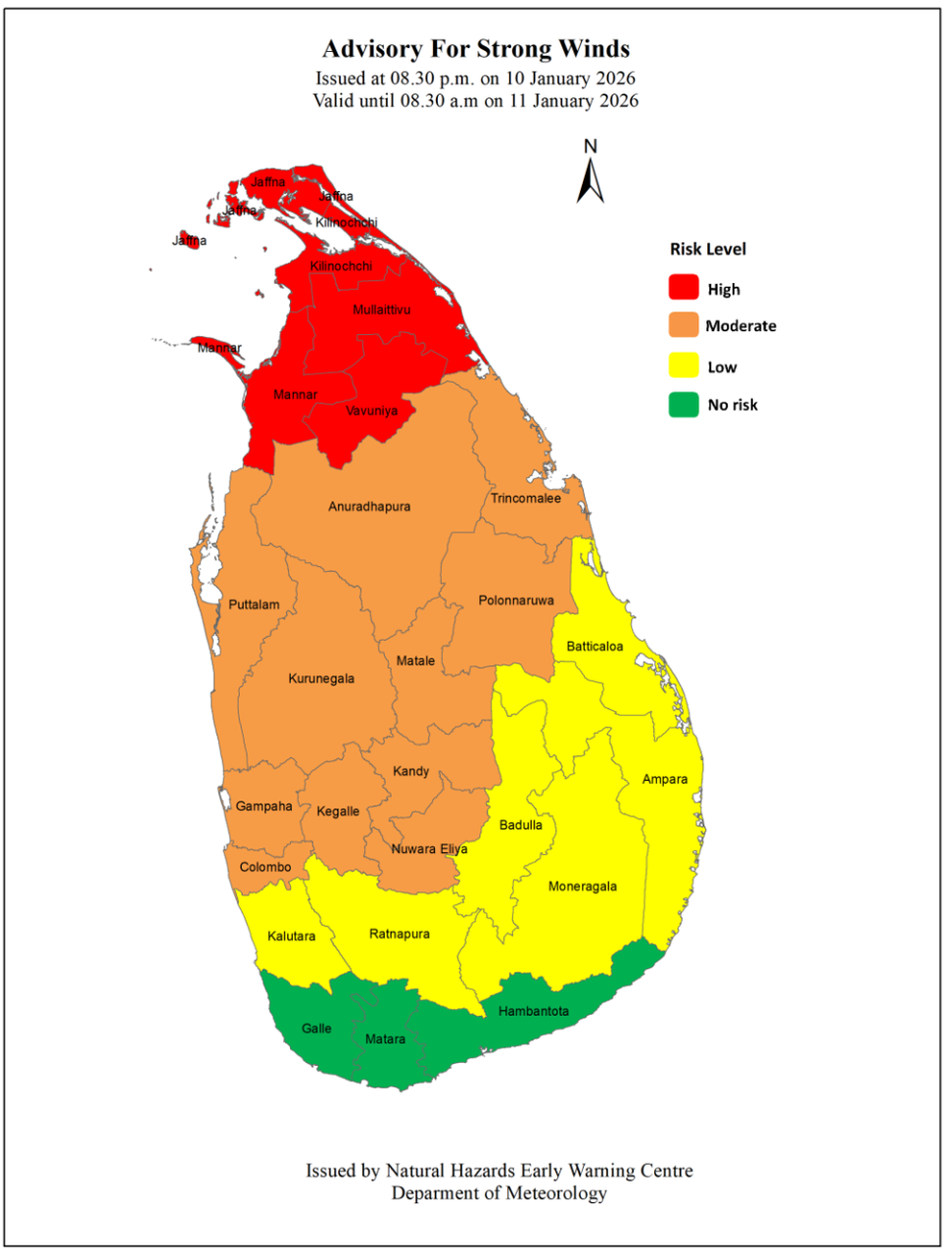
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For Land area:

Strong wind advisory for the next 24 hours.

- **Very strong winds about (50-60) kmph and gusting up to 70 kmph can be expected at times over Northern province. Strong winds about (40-50) kmph can be expected at times over North-western province and in Matale, Trincomalee and Nuwara-Eliya districts.**

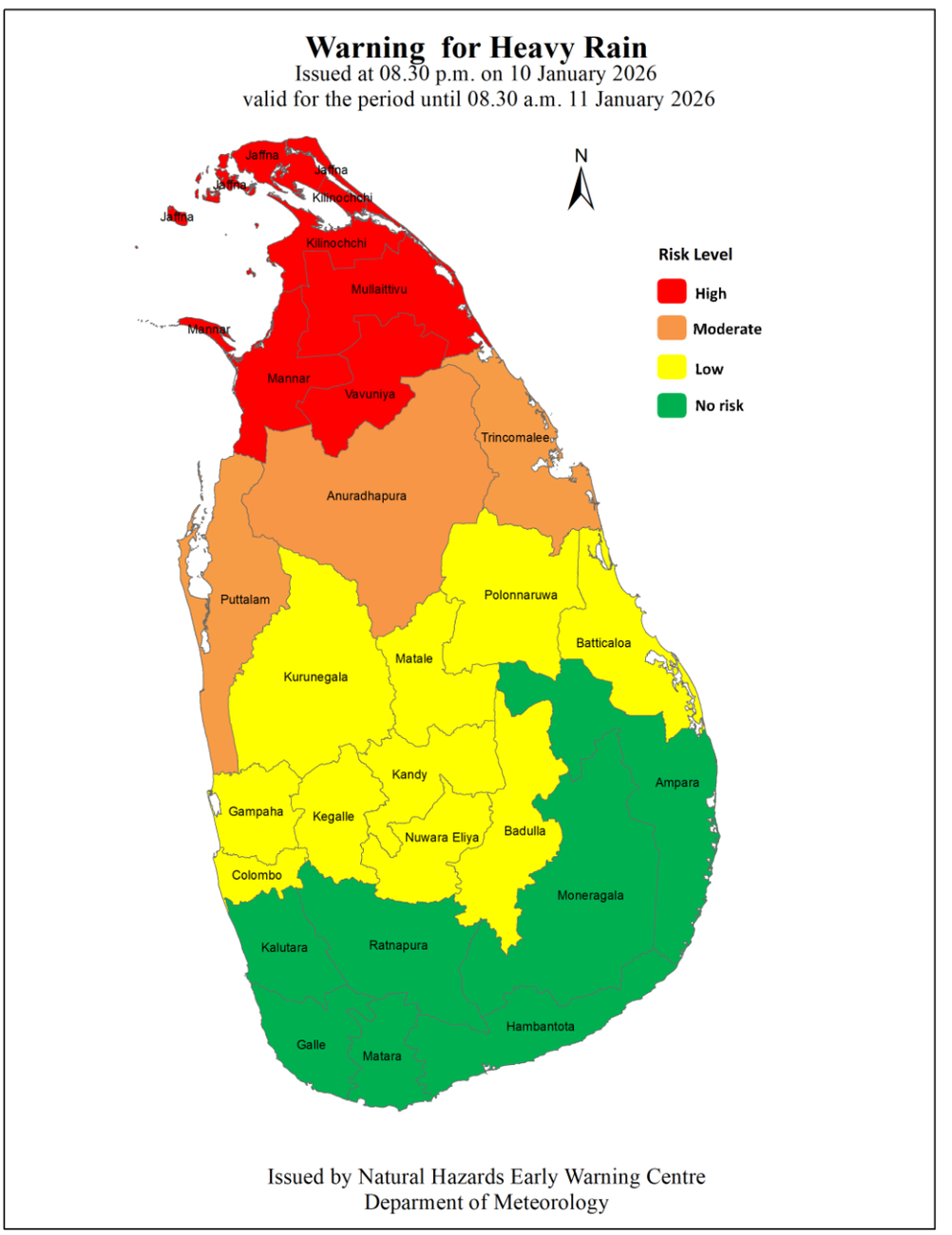


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Heavy rain advisory for the next 24 hours.

- **Cloudy skies can be expected over the Northern half of the island. Showers or thundershowers will occur at times in Northern province and in Puttalam, Anuradhapura and Trincomalee districts. Heavy falls above 100 mm are likely at some places in the Northern province.**



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For the Land area:

DAMAGE EXPECTED:

- **Damage to huts, temporary shelters and light structures**
- **Destroy the roof tops/ sheets etc.**
- **Damage to power and communication lines.**
- **Breaking of tree branches and uprooting of large avenue trees.**
- **Damage to paddy crops, banana, papaya trees and orchards.**
- **Damage to harbor yachts**
- **Flash flood**
- **Sea water inundation in low lying areas in the near coast.**

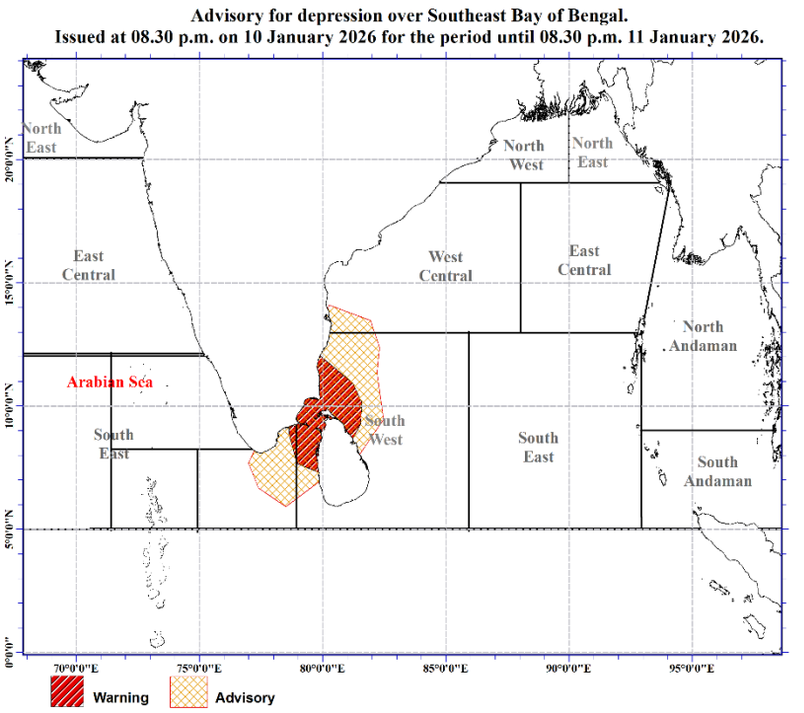
Action suggested for the Land area:

- **Coastal hutment dwellers are advised to move to safer places. Other people in the affected areas to remain indoors.**
- **People living in hilly areas (particularly landslide prone areas) and low-lying areas in river basins are requested to be vigilant.**
- **Drivers and people using roads in the hilly areas are requested to be vigilant.**
- **Beware of fallen trees and power lines.**
- **Avoid using wired telephones and connected electric appliances during thunderstorms.**
- **General public is requested to be vigilant regarding impending extreme weather situation.**
- **For emergency assistance contact the local disaster management authorities.**
- **Requested to be attentive about future advisories issued by the Department of Meteorology in this regard.**

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For the Sea area:



Action suggested for the Sea area:

- **<u>Naval and fishing communities are warned not to venture to the deep and shallow sea areas off the coast extending from Colombo to Trincomalee via Puttalam, Mannar and Kankasanthurai until further notice.</u>**
- **<u>Multi-day fishing boats are warned not to venture to the deep and shallow sea areas off the coast extending from Puttalam to Trincomalee via, Mannar, Kankasanthurai and until further notice.</u>**
- The warning issued to prevent fishing and naval activities in the deep and shallow sea areas from Colombo to Trincomalee via Galle, Hambantota and Batticaloa is withdrawn.
- The warning issued to prevent multi-day fishing boats and naval activities in the deep southwest Bay of Bengal sea areas is withdrawn.

Navel and fishing communities are requested to be attentive to the forecasts and bulletins issued by the Department of Meteorology in this regard.

The Meteorological Department is constantly monitoring the behavior of the system. The general public is requested to be attentive to the future forecasts and bulletins issued by the Department of Meteorology in this regard.

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