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Advisory for Severe Lightning

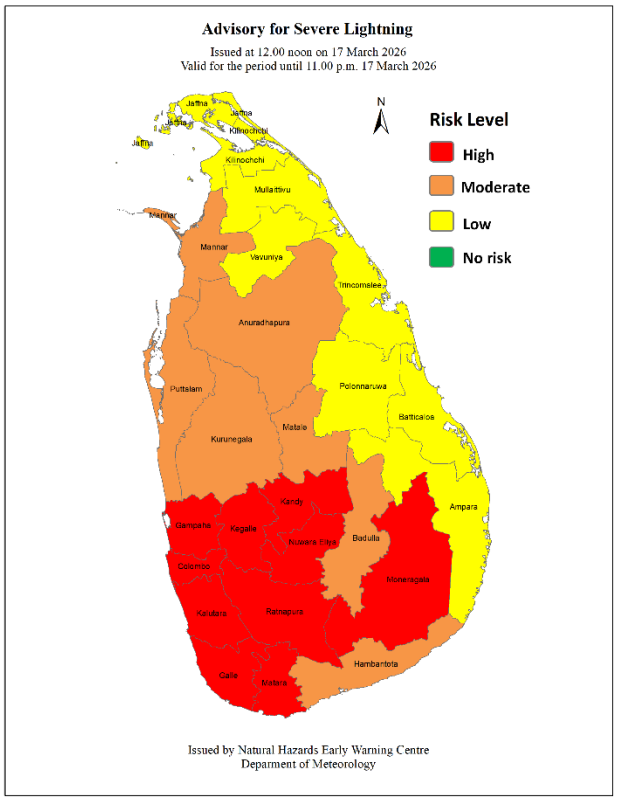
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For Western and Sabaragamuwa provinces and Kandy, Nuwara-Eliya, Monaragala, Galle and Matara districts

PLEASE BE AWARE!

Thundershowers accompanied with severe lightning are likely to occur at some places in Western and Sabaragamuwa provinces and in Kandy, Nuwara-Eliya, Monaragala, Galle and Matara districts after 2.00 p.m.

There may be temporary localized strong winds during thundershowers. General public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by lightning activity.



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.

Color: -Red Warning (Take action)	Color: -Amber Advisory (Be prepared)	Color: -Green Threat is over

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.