

SITUATION SUMMARY

- ♦ Heavy pre-monsoon rains in Sri Lanka continues from 20th May 2018, have killed at least nineteen people, and more than 150,000 people are affected in 19 District as of today.
- ♦ Flooding levels of main rivers are currently receding and showing normal levels in many stations. However, Kalu Ganga, Maha-Oya, Attanagalu-oya is at flood level due to continuous rains during last 72 hours. Due to the soil-moisture saturation in many hilly areas the landslide threat in Kegalle, Kalutara, Galle, Ratnapura & Nuwara-Eliya has not lifted by NBRO.
- ♦ All major reservoirs are at normal level however, some of reservoir gate are opened for release of flowing water from other areas to reduce flood threat. NBRO has still given landslide threat to Ratnapura, Kalutara, Badulla, Kegalle, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara-Eliya, Galle, Colombo and Kurunegala due to earth slips, cut failures and rock falls.
- ♦ South-west monsoon still suppressed by the persisting wind circulations and expecting to be settled by end of this week.
- ♦ River water levels at many stations are gradually decreasing, in Kelani, Nilwala, Gin, Malwathu-oya, Maha-Oya rivers and some areas of Attanagalu-Oya river shows flood levels as of 26th May.

CURRENT SITUATION

Department of Meteorology highlighted last 24 hours rainfall observed ended on morning hours of 26th May 2018 showing reduction of rainfall in all parts of the country however some areas has received considerable rainfalls; in Kurunegala-44.9mm, Maskeliya-43.6mm, Yatiyantota-75.8mm, Kuliyaipitiya-56.5mm, Bibile-43.2mm. The highest rainfall recorded was around 78mm in Dummalasuriya in Gampaha District.

As a result of heavy rains, 153,712 people (40,017 families) have been affected (the Disaster Situation Report, National Disaster Relief Services Centre (NDRSC) at 1200 hours on 26th of May 2018). People at flood risk areas have been evacuated to safe locations. Approximately, 14,437 families have been evacuated into 265 welfare centres due to flood and landslide risks in 10 Districts. As of now 20 deaths & 2 missing were reported to the Disaster Management Centre while 10 people were injured. **NDRSC has provided 38.66 million cash allocations to the 12 District Secretaries to address the immediate needs of the affected populations.**

Two gates of Deduru-oya and Rajanganaya tanks are opened at present. In Unnichchei tank in Batticaloa District is at the spill level but there is no greater threat at this point. Minuwangoda Katunyake road is passable at present which was inundated earlier. Gampaha-Jaela road in Kirindiwita is currently inundated and not passable. Further, Kotogoda Raddolugama road in Maskade junction is inundated however, passable. Some areas has been inundated and disturbed the transportation in Gampaha-Yakkala road, Gampaha-Ganemulla roads.

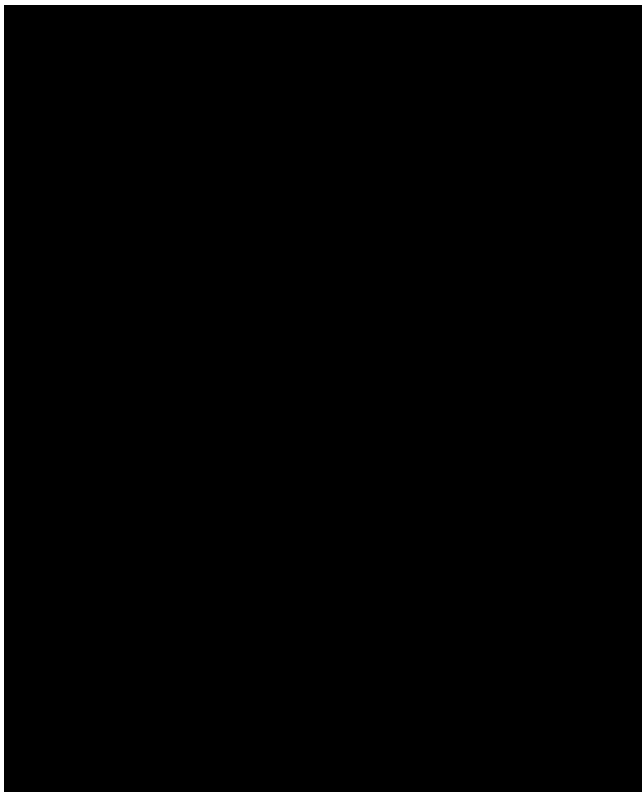
Navy rescue team was able to safely rescue mother and 3 months old child in Purichchikulam in Puttalam. Few areas in Mahawewa has been sub-merged and communities are helping to people for the mobilization. Main road in Pallama Serukale is currently inundated and difficulties observed in transportation in the area.

DMC is coordinating with Military agencies through its EOC for better response interventions and NDRSC is undertaking needs assessment at local levels, especially in safety centers. Recorded housing damages; full damages 105 and partial damages 4,708.

FIGURE 02: Deaths reported and cause, 1200 hours 26 May 2018

District	Deaths					Missing
	Type of Disaster/Events					
	Cutting Failure	Drowning	High wind	Lightning	Others	
Galle		1				
Kalutara		1		1		
Puttalam				2		1
Polonnaruwa				2		
Colombo		1				
Monaragala			1			
Kegalle	1	1	1			
Gampaha		3				
Ratnapura	1				1	
Nuwareliya		1				
Kurunagela	1	1				1
Sub-Total	3	9	2	5	1	2
Total					20	2

FIGURE 01: Rainfall received last 24 hours ending at 0830 hours on 26 May 2018

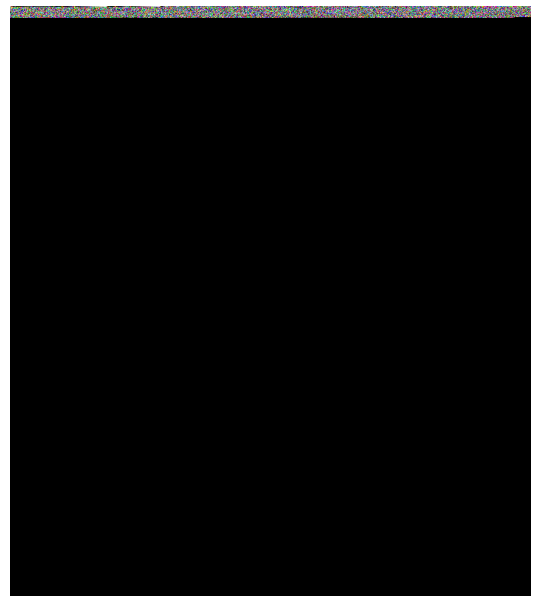


Prevailing showery condition may continue to next 24 hours in South-western area and north-western areas.

Heavy falls above 100mm can be expected at some places in Sabaragamuwa, Western, Central and North-Western provinces and in Galle and Matara districts.

Increase of wind speed is expected up to 50Kmph and in sea areas it may go up to 70Kmph and all naval activities to be handled carefully as deep seas can be very rough sometimes.

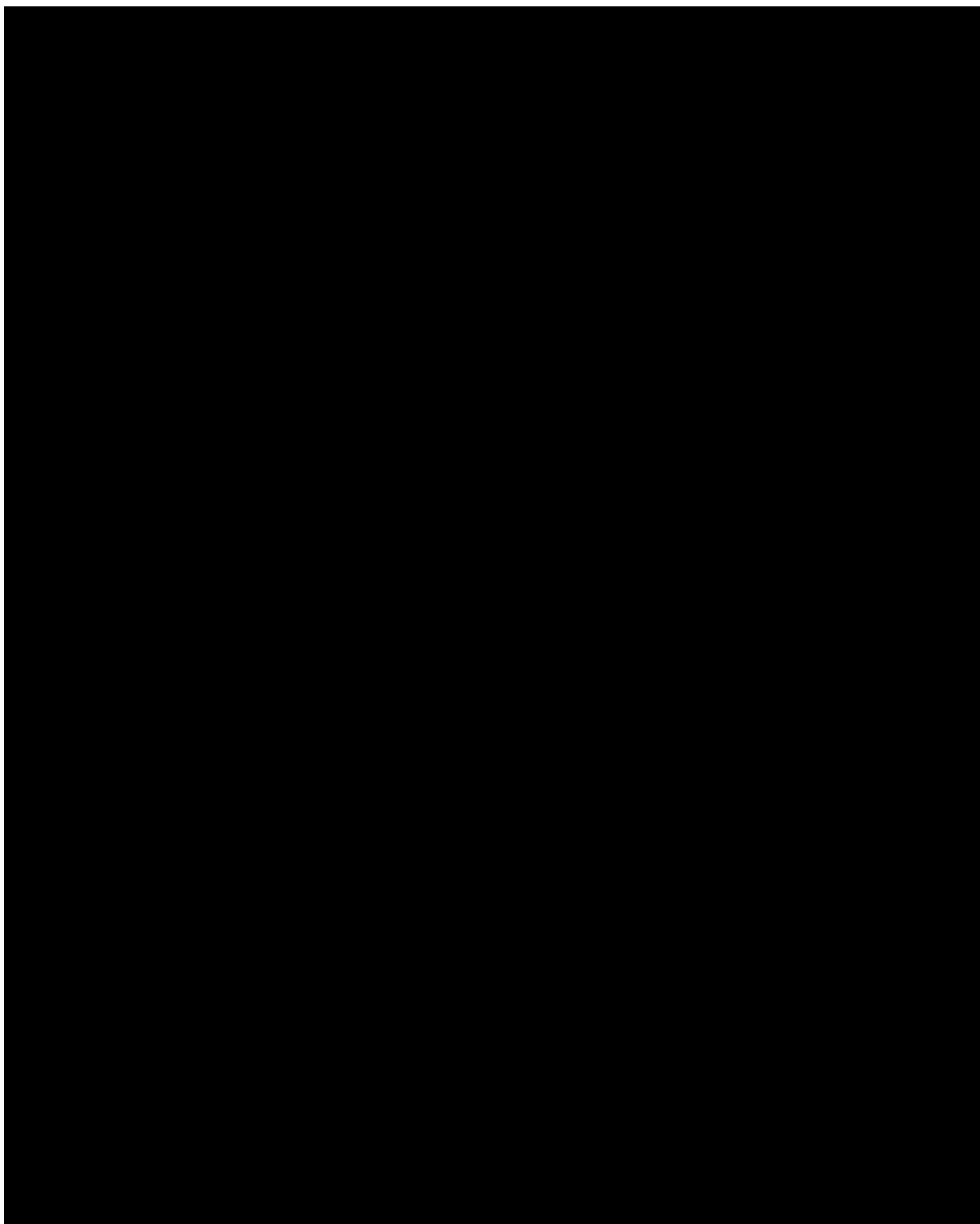
Department of Irrigation has indicated that several major river levels are decreasing as of 26 May 2018, at 0900 hours which were at flood levels earlier.



Source: Department of Meteorology

FLOOD STATUS AND IMPACT

FIGURE 03: Affected Districts /Divisions and area prioritization for response



Total affected Families 40,017 and evacuated 14,443 families



◆ Number of households at high risk— Full damage 105, Partially damage 4,708 houses and NDRSC has allocated 35.28 Million for initial payments in 16 Districts

FLOOD RESPONSE AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

Table 01: Details of Tri Forces & Police allocation to the emergency response

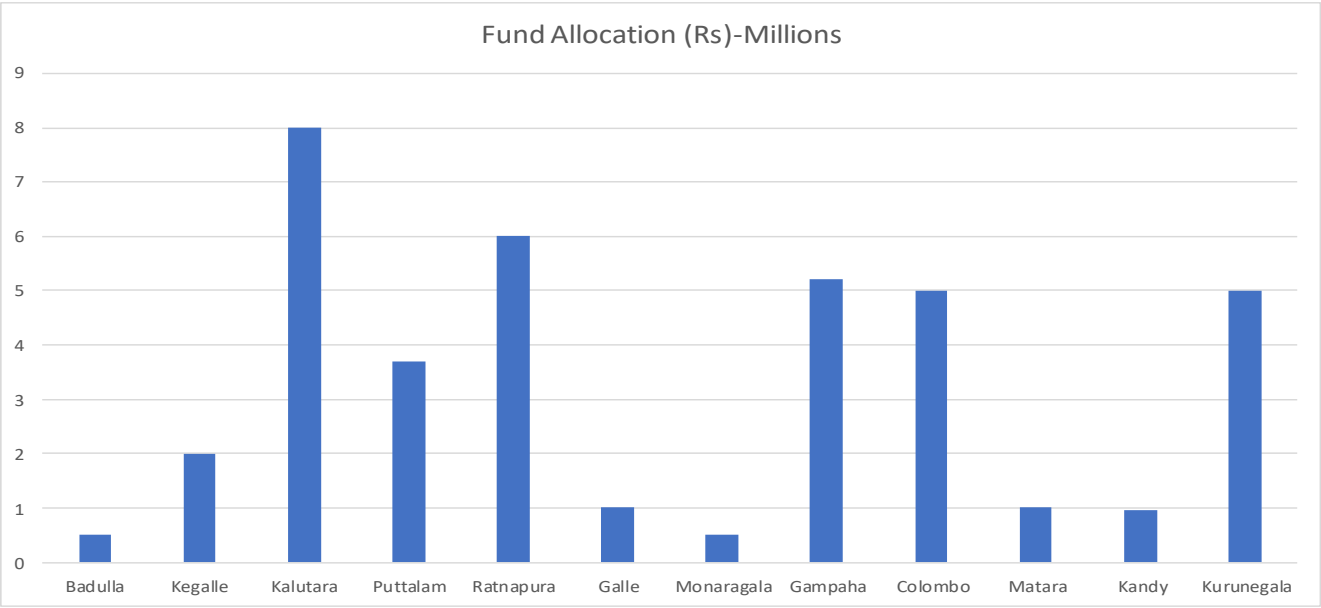
Resources allocation for the Tri forces & Police

Districts	Navy	Ari force	Army	Police	
	Boats	Helicopter	Tracks and Earth move vehicles	Boats	Catamaran
Kaluthura, Ratnapura, Kegalle, Galle, Matara, Gampaha, Putalam, Kurunakale & Colombo	49	7	25	59	47

Deployed Forces:

SN	Tri Force	Officers	Others	Total
1	Navy	14	273	287
2	Army	27	555	582
Total		41	828	869

FIGURE 04: Disaster Relief Assistance allocation advanced by NDRSC



NDRSC has allocated 38.66 Million Sri Lankan rupees from NITF & Treasury funds to the most affected districts in order to assist the severely affected populations (See Figure 04). Household resettling advance of Rs. 10,000 for 16 Districts has been transferred by NDRSC totaling Rs. 35.28 Million.

Agencies who are providing humanitarian assistance were directed to North-western areas and also some agencies are supporting communities in affected areas of Kalutara, Ratnapura & Puttalam.

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