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Advisory for Severe Lightning

Issued by the Natural Hazards Early Warning Centre

Issued at 12.00 noon 16 May 2025 valid for the period until 11.00 p.m. 16 May 2025

For Central, Uva, Eastern and North-central provinces and in Mullaittivu and Vavuniya districts.

PLEASE BE AWARE!

Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur at several places in Central, Uva, Eastern and North-central provinces and in Mullaittivu and Vavuniya districts.

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.