



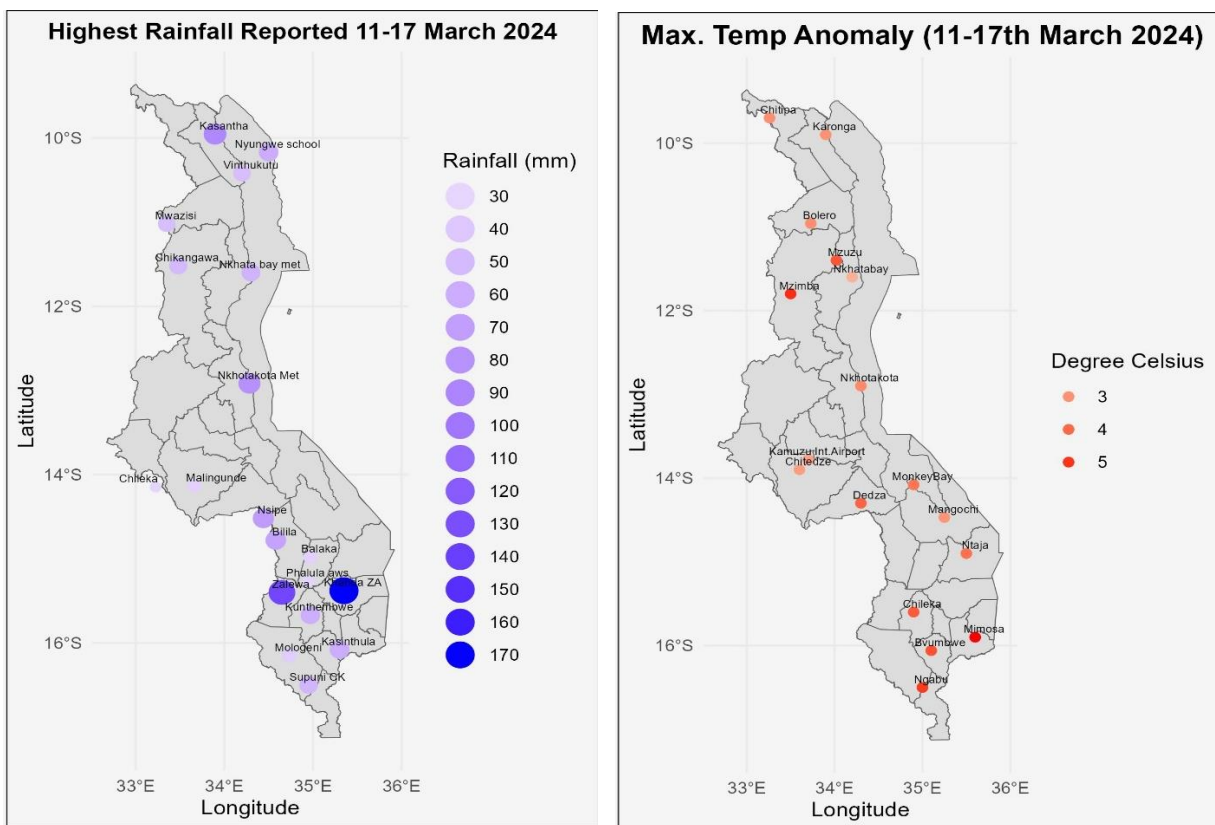
**MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES**  
**WEEKLY WEATHER STATEMENT**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> TO 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

**SUMMARY OF WEATHER AHEAD**

During the period from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 expect **windy and partly cloudy to cloudy conditions with localized heavy thunderstorms and rain mainly over northern and some central areas while a gradual reduction in rainfall activities is expected over the south.** This is due to the inflow of unstable easterly airmass which at times are expected to converge with south easterlies. Mwera winds are expected occasionally over our water bodies.

**WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK**

Scattered thunderstorms and rains were observed with localized heavy rains over the south and north. Khanda in Zomba reported the highest 24-hourly rainfall of **170.3mm** and Zalewa Agriculture reported **135.2mm** on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024. It was very hot as the temperature anomalies throughout the country were in the range of **3 – 5.4°Celsius** and the highest temperature anomaly of **5.4°Celsius** was observed from Mimosa in Mulanje on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.



*Figure: Some rainfall figures above 40mm (Map1) and Maximum temperature anomalies (Map2) reported from 11-17 Mar 2024.*

**ADVISORIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

- Avoid crossing flooded or fast flowing rivers as heavy rains may trigger flash flooding when they persist.

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