



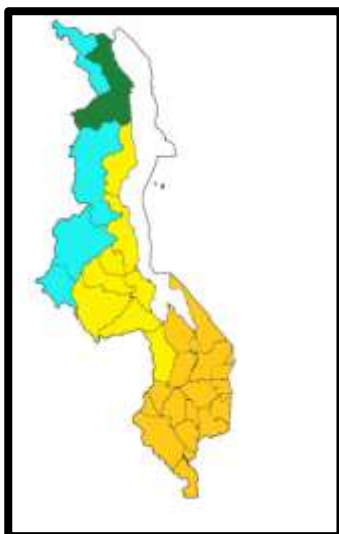
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AIR QUALITY FORECAST BULLETIN

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1. Expected Air Quality Distribution Map



Please refer to the [AQI Levels table](#) below for the interpretation of the colors.

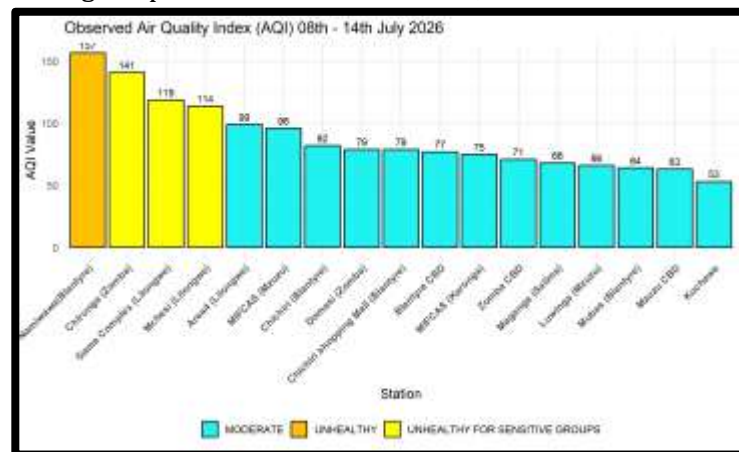
2. Forecast Summary

Air quality is expected to remain unhealthy for sensitive groups, particularly over southern Malawi and parts of the central and lakeshore regions, while relatively better air quality is anticipated across some northern areas. Hazy conditions are also likely across the country due to active fires. In addition, daytime UV radiation levels are expected to range

from moderate to high over most parts of the country.

3. Observed Air Quality Index

The observed average air quality index (AQI) during the past week were as follows;



Contributor of the observed data is MUBAS Air Quality with funding from University of Chicago EPIC Air Quality Fund

4. Expected Sources of Pollution

- Vehicle and factory emissions.
- Dust
- Active fires

5. Air Quality Index (AQI) Levels Explained

AQI Color	Level of Concern	Value of Index	Description of Air Quality
Green	GOOD	0 to 50	Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Aqua Blue	MODERATE	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those sensitive to pollution.
Yellow	UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected.
Orange	UNHEALTHY	151 to 200	Some of the general public may experience health effects; sensitive groups may experience more serious effects.
Red	DANGEROUS	At least 201	Health Alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.

6. Public Advice and Recommendations

- People with sensitive skin should use sunscreen and avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

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