



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

WEEKLY WEATHER STATEMENT

Valid: 12-18 October, 2026

SUMMARY OF WEATHER AHEAD

Mostly sunny, hot to very hot and dry conditions are expected over most parts of Malawi from Monday to Sunday. However, there is a chance of a few light rain showers mainly over northern and southern areas between Monday and Tuesday. See forecasted accumulated rainfall for 12th to 18th October 2026 (Figure 1a). This weather pattern is due to a warm easterly air mass.

Mwera winds blowing over Lake Malawi and other water bodies are expected to gradually weaken by Tuesday. All lake users are advised to stay alert to protect life and property.

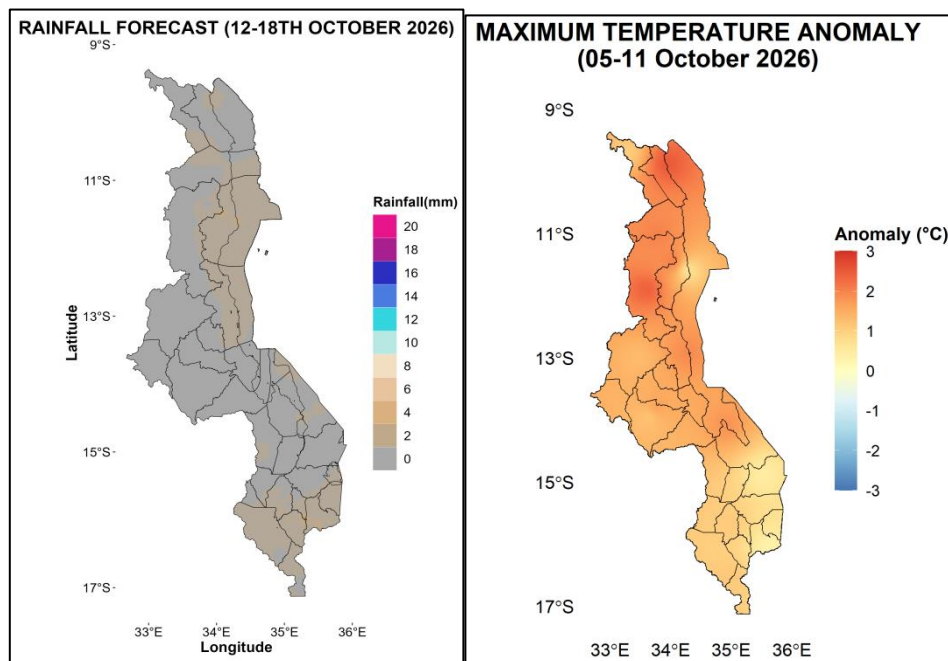


Figure 1: (a) Rainfall forecast for 12th - 18th October 2026, (b) Maximum temperature anomalies recorded during the past week relative to the long-term average for October 1991-2020.

WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK

Most areas experienced hot and partly cloudy conditions with isolated thunderstorms and rain showers mainly over southern areas. Rainfall was recorded in a few areas as follows: Mimosa had 13mm and Phalombe registered 8.1mm, both reported on 6th October 2026. Elsewhere little or no rainfall was recorded.

Maximum temperatures reported during the past week were warmer than the long-term average for October (Figure 1b). The highest maximum temperature was **37.4°C** at Ngabu reported on 8th October 2026.

Advisories:

- Drink water frequently to stay cool and hydrated. Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sun.
- Avoid fishing, swimming or using small boats and canoes when Mwera winds are strong.
- Please seek advice from your nearest Agricultural Extension worker before planting.

Place of issue: Blantyre

Date of issue: Sunday 11th October 2026

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