



## **MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES**

#### **WEEKLY WEATHER STATEMENT**

**19<sup>TH</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

#### **SUMMARY OF WEATHER AHEAD**

Starting tomorrow, August 19th, and continuing through Thursday afternoon, August 21st, 2024, anticipate occasional dust-laden winds along with hazy, sunny, and hot daytime conditions. Nights and early mornings are likely to be rather chilly, particularly in central regions and highlands, as a result of an easterly air mass moving in from the Indian Ocean. Meanwhile, a few northern areas may receive some rain showers.

From the evening of Thursday, August 22nd, to Sunday, August 25th, 2024, **windy, cloudy, and chilly** weather is anticipated, accompanied **by fog patches, drizzle, and isolated rainfall, particularly in the southern and northern regions. Mwera winds** are expected to sweep across Lake Malawi, Lake Chilwa, and other water bodies, reaching speeds of approximately **45 km/h**, which may lead to high waves of around **1.5 meters** as a high-pressure system approaches, bringing a cool and moist south-easterly air mass to Malawi. These weather conditions are expected to improve by the evening of Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK**

In general, most areas encountered windy, dusty, and sunny weather during the past week. However, on Thursday, August 15, 2024, certain northern and southern areas faced cloudy skies accompanied by fog patches and occasional drizzle. Additionally, Mwera winds swept across Lake Malawi and other nearby water bodies.

#### **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

- **Exercise caution** on the lake due to the possibility of occasional **strong Mwera winds** that may create rough conditions.
- Dusty conditions may exacerbate coughing and other health problems.
- Stay engaged with weather updates.

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