



## WEATHER FORECAST FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024 SYNOPSIS AND INFERENCE:

Expect windy and cloudy conditions coupled with thunderstorm and locally heavy rains at times mainly over parts of northern, central and southern areas due to the influence of Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ). However, a low pressure system is expected to bring increased rainfall to southern Malawi starting from this evening on March 11, 2024, until Wednesday on March 13, 2024, potentially leading to sporadic flash floods.

**ADVISORIES:** Avoid crossing flooded rivers, roads and storm drains. Do not allow children to be close to streams, storm drains, or other flooded areas.

**SHIRE VALLEY** (areas along Shire River and around Lake Chiuta and Chilwa)

Expect windy, warm and cloudy conditions with a chance of rains this morning. Expect windy, cloudy and very hot conditions with localised thunderstorms and rains in the afternoon. Forecast Temperatures: Ngabu Min.26°C and Max.36°C

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS (Shire highlands, Kirk Range up to Dedza)

Windy, mild and cloudy conditions with a chance of rains this morning. Expect windy, cloudy and hot conditions with isolated thunderstorms and rains during the afternoon. Forecast Temperatures: Blantyre Min.20°C and Max.28°C

<u>CENTRAL AREAS</u> (Lilongwe, Mchinji, Ntchisi, Dowa, Kasungu and part of Mzimba District) Expect windy, mild and cloudy conditions coupled with chance of thunderstorms and rain this morning. Cloudy and hot conditions with isolated thunderstorms and rains in the afternoon. Forecast Temperatures: Lilongwe Min.20°C and Max.29°C

**LAKESHORE AREAS** (Mangochi, Salima, Nkhotakota, Nkhata Bay, Likoma, Karonga) Expect windy and cloudy conditions coupled with thunderstorms and locally heavy rain especially in **Salima and Karonga** this morning. Cloudy and hot conditions coupled with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Forecast Temperatures: Mangochi Min. 26°C and Max.31°C

**NORTHERN AREAS** (all areas in the north except lakeshore)

Expect windy, mild and cloudy conditions with isolated thunderstorms this morning. Cloudy and warm conditions with isolated thunderstorms during the afternoon.

Forecast Temperatures: Mzuzu Min. 18°C and Max.27°C

WIND: Variable but **destructive** in stormy areas...

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY: Expect enhanced rainfall over southern Malawi... SUNSET FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024 AND SUNRISE FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024

CITY	SUNSET	SUNRISE
MZUZU	18:00	05:47
LILONGWE	18:02	05:48
BLANTYRE	17:58	05:42

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