



## WEATHER FORECAST FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024

## SYNOPSIS AND INFERENCE:

Expect cloudy conditions with locally heavy rain and thunderstorms to persist as the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (I.T.C.Z) is still influencing the weather over the country. Strong Mwera winds to continue blowing over our lake water bodies and will possibly trigger high water waves of around 1.8 m. All lake users including fishermen are advised to remain cautious.

**WARNING:** With the persistence of locally heavy rains, threat of Flash Floods remains very high mainly over parts of central, lakeshore and low lying areas. Therefore, take all the precautionary measures to avoid loss of life and properties.

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

Expect locally heavy rain and thunderstorms coupled with windy conditions during this morning. Mostly hot with windy weather conditions later in the afternoon. Forecast Temperatures: Ngabu Min.23°C and Max.33°C

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

Expect **windy and cloudy conditions associated with locally heavy rain and thunderstorms** this morning. Windy and cloudy conditions coupled with rain and thunderstorms to continue later in the day.

Forecast Temperatures: Blantyre Min.19°C and Max.26°C

<u>CENTRAL AREAS</u> (Lilongwe, Mchinji, Ntchisi, Dowa, Kasungu and part of Mzimba District) Mostly cloudy and windy conditions at times coupled with locally heavy rain and thunderstorms expected during this morning. Expect windy and cloudy conditions together with localized heavy rain and thunderstorms later in the afternoon.

Forecast Temperatures: Lilongwe Min.20°C and Max.27°C

LAKESHORE AREAS (Mangochi, Salima, Nkhotakota, Nkhata Bay, Likoma, Karonga)

Windy and cloudy conditions with thunderstorms associated with heavy rain to persist during this morning. Windy and cloudy conditions coupled with localized heavy rain and thunderstorms to continue later in the day.

Forecast Temperatures: Mangochi Min. 23°C and Max.28°C

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

Expect mostly cloudy conditions coupled with thunderstorms and locally heavy rain this morning. Generally warm weather conditions with thunderstorms and localized heavy rain expected later in the afternoon.

Forecast Temperatures: Mzuzu Min.18°C and Max.26°C

WIND: Variable but destructive in stormy areas...

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY: Reduced rainfall activities over the south...

SUNSET FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024 AND SUNRISE FOR 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024

| CITY     | SUNSET | SUNRISE |
|----------|--------|---------|
| MZUZU    | 18:07  | 05:47   |
| LILONGWE | 18:10  | 05:46   |
| BLANTYRE | 18:06  | 05:40   |

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