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DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

WEEKLY WEATHER STATEMENT

27TH JANUARY 2025 – 02ND FEBRUARY 2025

SUMMARY OF WEATHER AHEAD

Expect a wet week that will be characterized by thunderstorms at times which will be locally heavy and may trigger flash floods in some areas. This is all driven by the deep low pressure system in the Mozambique Channel that continues to draw both Congo Air Mass and Channel air over the country. The possibility of this low pressure area in the Mozambique Channel intensifying into a cyclone exists, and consequently, its status will be closely monitored.

WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK

It was a wet week with substantial amount of rain reported in most areas of the country. Heavy episodes were experienced over some southern areas. The map below illustrates some of the recorded rainfall during the past week.

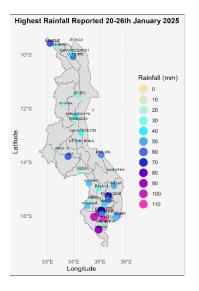


Fig: Some of the reported rainfall during the week

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Flash floods: Stay alert and avoid crossing flooded or fast flowing water to keep safe.
- **Thunderstorms:** Avoid being outside during thunderstorms. Seek shelter in a safe building and keep away from open areas, tall trees, and metal structures.
- Wetness: Be watchful of overly wet structures, such as houses and toilets that could collapse at any time.
- **Slippery roads and poor visibility:** Avoid over speeding when driving and follow the weather updates for any possibility of severe weather ahead.

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