



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TONIGHT AND TOMORROW 17TH FEBRUARY 2026.

SYNOPSIS AND INFERENCE:

Expect Windy, cloudy and foggy conditions with scattered thunderstorms and intermittent rain to persist across the country with **continuous downpours likely in lakeshore areas particularly over Nkhata Bay and Nkhotakota** due to the combined influence of the Inter-Tropical Convergence zone (ITCZ) and Congo airmass.

WARNING: The risk of flash floods remains high mainly along lakeshore areas specifically over Nkhatabay and Nkhotakota therefore stay alert to protect life and property.

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

Windy, cloudy and foggy conditions with localized thunderstorms and rain tonight and during morning. Windy, cloudy and foggy conditions with localized thunderstorms and rain during afternoon.

Forecast Temperatures: Ngabu Min.23°C and Max.26°C

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS (Shire highlands, Kirk Range up to Dedza i.e. Ntcheu, Neno, Mwanza, Mulanje, Thyolo, Zomba, Chiradzulu, Phalombe and Blantyre)

Windy and foggy with thunderstorms and rain tonight and during morning. Windy and foggy with localised thunderstorms and rain during afternoon.

Forecast Temperatures: Blantyre Min.18°C and Max.22°C

CENTRAL AREAS (Lilongwe, Mchinji, Ntchisi, Dowa, Kasungu and part of Mzimba District)

Expect windy and foggy conditions with scattered thunderstorms and rain, which will be locally heavy tonight and during morning. Windy and foggy conditions with thunderstorms and locally heavy rain during afternoon.

Forecast Temperatures: Lilongwe Min.18°C and Max.23°C

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

Windy and foggy conditions with scattered thunderstorms and locally heavy rain tonight and during morning. Expect windy and foggy conditions with scattered thunderstorms and locally heavy rain in the afternoon.

Forecast Temperatures: Mangochi Min.20°C and Max.26°C

NORTHERN AREAS (all areas in the north except lakeshore)

Expect windy, cloudy and foggy conditions with scattered thunderstorms and localized heavy rain tonight and during morning. Windy and foggy conditions with thunderstorms and locally heavy rain during afternoon.

Forecast Temperatures: Mzuzu Min.17°C and Max.20°C

WINDS: Variable but gusty in stormy areas...

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY: Scattered thunderstorms and locally heavy rain to persist...

TIMES FOR SUNRISE AND SUNSET FOR TOMORROW 17TH FEBRUARY 2026.

CITY	SUNRISE	SUNSET	DAY LIGHT LENGTH
MZUZU	05:44	18:12	12:26
LILONGWE	05:42	18:14	12:32
BLANTYRE	05:36	18:11	12:34

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