



**FIVE DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

Issued on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026; Valid until 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2026

Key: Warning level

<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>High</b>		2	6	10
	<b>Medium</b>		1	5	9
	<b>Low</b>			4	8
	<b>Very low</b>			3	7
		<b>Minimal</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Severe</b>
<b>Impact</b>					

Expect cloudy conditions with **thunderstorms and rains of varying intensities but locally heavy mainly along the Lakeshore area and southern region** from 16th March till Wednesday 18th March 2026 due to the influence of low-pressure system active over Malawi. The rainfall intensity will decline thereafter

**ADVISORY:** Heavy rains expected over some areas is likely to trigger flash floods.

**WINDS:** Variable but gusty in stormy areas.

REGION	WEATHER ELEMENT	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026
		<b>SHIRE VALLEY</b> (areas along Shire River and around Lake Chiuta and Chilwa)	Weather	Scattered thunderstorms & heavy rains	Scattered thunderstorms and heavy rains	Scattered thunderstorms & rains
	Maximum Temperature(°C)	28	29	29	30	31
	Minimum Temperature(°C)	24	23	24	24	24
	Wind Speed (Km/h)	14	06	08	08	06
	Wind Direction	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
	<b>WARNING</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>			
<b>SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS</b> (Shire highlands, Kirk Range up to Dedza)	Weather	Scattered thunderstorms & heavy rains	Scattered thunderstorms & heavy rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rain
	Maximum Temperature(°C)	24	23	25	26	27
	Minimum Temperature(°C)	20	19	21	21	20
	Wind Speed (Km/h)	12	10	11	08	09
	Wind Direction	NE	NE	NE	E	E
	<b>WARNING</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>			



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<b>CENTRAL AREAS</b> (Lilongwe, Mchinji, Ntchisi, Dowa, Kasungu and part of Mzimba District)	Weather	Scattered thunderstorms & heavy rains	Scattered thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains
	Maximum Temperature(°C)	23	23	24	25	27
	Minimum Temperature(°C)	18	19	19	19	20
	Wind Speed (Km/h)	08	10	10	10	10
	Wind Direction	NW	NE	NE	NE	NE
	<b>WARNING</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>			
<b>LAKESHORE AREAS</b> (Mangochi, Salima, Nkhotakota, Nkhata Bay, Likoma, Karonga)	Weather	Scattered thunderstorms & heavy rains	Scattered thunderstorms & heavy rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains
	Maximum Temperature(°C)	26	26	27	29	29
	Minimum Temperature(°C)	23	22	23	22	22
	Wind Speed (Km/h)	08	07	04	05	04
	Wind Direction	SE	NW	SE	SE	SE
	<b>WARNING</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>			
<b>NORTHERN AREAS</b> (all areas in the north except lakeshore)	Weather	Scattered thunderstorms & heavy rains	Scattered thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains	Localized thunderstorms & rains
	Maximum Temperature(°C)	23	23	24	24	25
	Minimum Temperature(°C)	18	17	18	18	19
	Wind Speed (Km/h)	08	06	08	10	11
	Wind Direction	NW	NE	NE	E	E
	<b>WARNING</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>	<b>HEAVY RAINS</b>			

**Next to be issued on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.**

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