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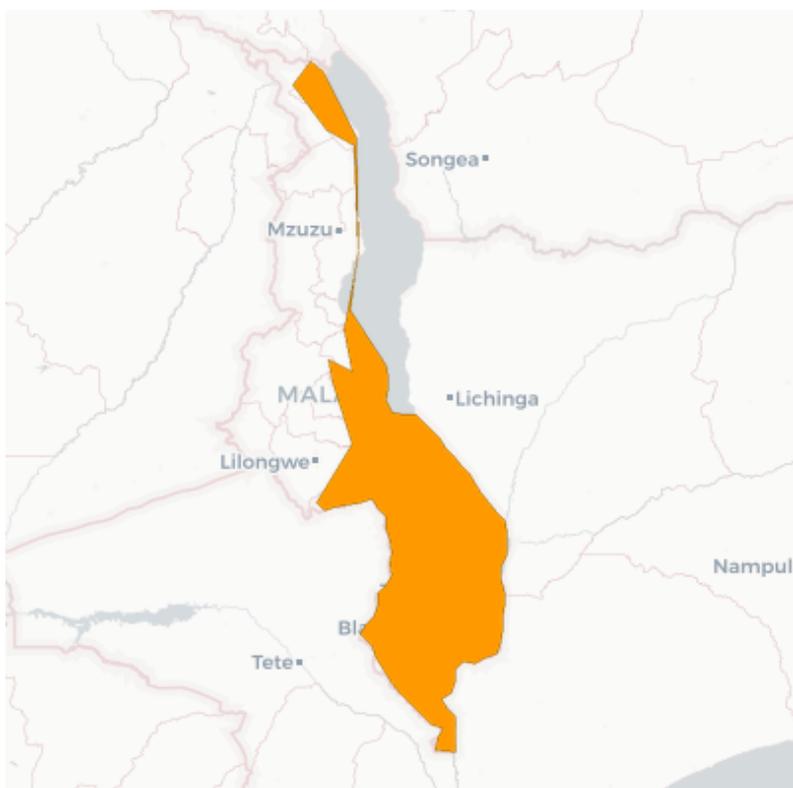
## ⚠️ HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING UPDATE

🕒 **Urgency:** Immediate      ⚠️ **Severity:** Severe  
 🎯 **Certainty:** Observed

**Issued:**  
 Tue 17 Mar 2026  
 19:54

**Effective:**  
 Tue 17 Mar 2026  
 19:38

**Expires:**  
 Fri 20 Mar 2026  
 23:00



**Area:**  
 Districts at high flood risk in orange

### Description:

Heavy rainfall is expected to persist over most parts of Malawi during the forecast period, with the heaviest amounts anticipated over the lakeshore areas and the southern region. This situation is associated with a low-pressure system currently positioned over the country. The anticipated rainfall may lead to localized flash flooding and landslides particularly in low-lying and flood-prone areas, as well as in locations where soils are already saturated. Districts at high flood risk (Category 6) include Karonga, Nkhosha, Salima, Blantyre, Thyolo, Chiradzulu, Mulanje, Mangochi, Zomba, Machinga, Ntcheu, Mwanza, and Dedza. Furthermore, runoff from the highlands continues to pose a

significant flood risk in the Shire Valley districts of Chikwawa and Nsanje. Currently Most areas have received high rainfall amounts with notable figures in the past 72hours.

**Instruction:**

The public is advised to remain vigilant and take the following precautionary measures: · Avoid crossing flooded or fast-flowing rivers · Stay away from low-lying areas that are prone to flooding. · Do not seek shelter under trees or weak structures during strong winds or thunderstorms. · Avoid moving in open areas when thunderstorms are occurring in vicinity · Those living in landslide prone areas especially Southern Highlands districts of Mulanje, Blantyre, Thyolo and Chiradzulu to be alert.