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Update on Low-Pressure System Affecting North-Eastern South Africa

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) wishes to update the public on a low-pressure system currently located over the southern parts of Mozambique, which is expected to significantly influence weather conditions over north-eastern South Africa over the coming days.

Current weather forecasts indicate that the Lowveld of Mpumalanga, the Limpopo Valley, and most eastern parts of Limpopo are likely to experience widespread and persistent rain and thunderstorms, up to at least Wednesday, or even beyond. For these regions, significant rainfall accumulations are expected throughout the week, beginning from Sunday evening as shown on Figure 1 below.

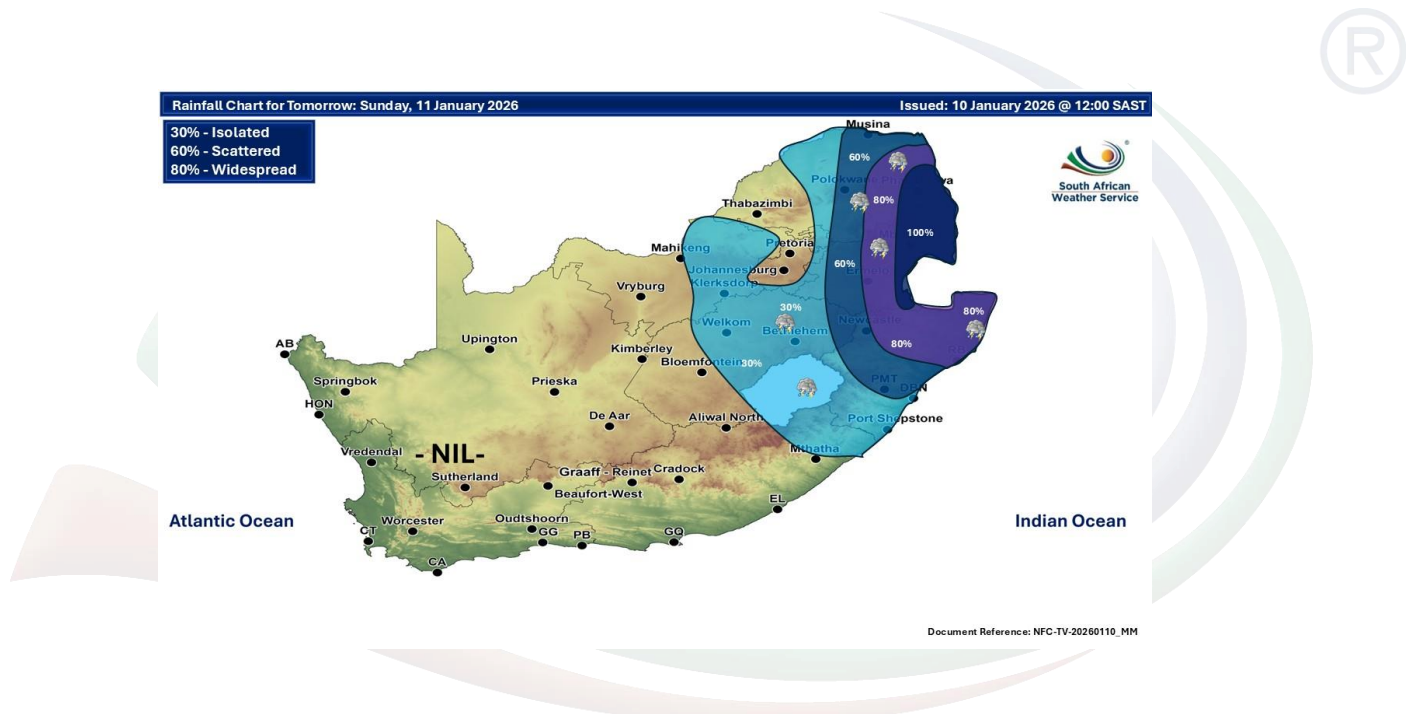


Figure 1: Weather forecast for Sunday, 11 January 2026

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The SAWS has already issued **severe weather warnings for severe thunderstorms**, an orange level 5 warning, (Figure 2) for severe thunderstorms on Saturday, as well as an orange level 6 warning (Figure 3) for Sunday, with anticipated impacts including flooding leading to damage to infrastructure and settlements as well as injuries and danger to life.

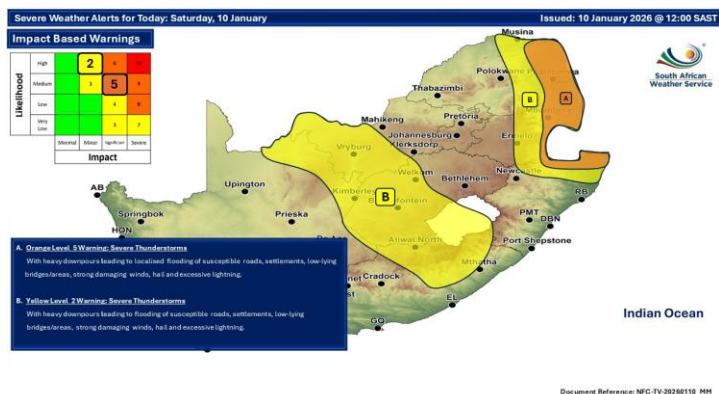


Figure 2: Warnings for Saturday, 10 January 2026

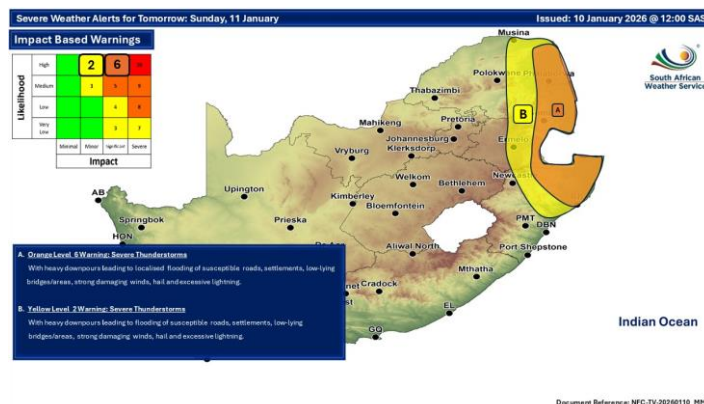


Figure 3: Warnings for Sunday, 11 January 2026

There is currently a possibility that warnings may be escalated to indicate the likelihood of severe impacts in parts of Limpopo and Mpumalanga from Monday, depending on the evolution of the system and forecast confidence. The SAWS will continue to closely monitor this evolving weather system and provide regular updates to ensure public safety and preparedness.

This weather system may also affect the northern parts of KwaZulu-Natal from Tuesday, when heavy rains would be possible.

Members of the public and stakeholders are strongly urged to continuously monitor official SAWS forecasts and warnings, as warnings will be updated as the likelihood and severity of impacts become clearer. The public is also advised to remain cautious of unauthorised or unverified information sources and refrain distributing such information further.

For regular updates, please visit <https://www.weathersa.co.za/> or follow SAWS official media channels.

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