

## AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

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An overall above average wet season for Afghanistan has given way to more seasonal dry weather during the summer. During the winter months a deep snow pack developed across the central highlands and northeast mountains. As temperatures began to warm during the spring months, as is typical, the snow began to melt. The snow melt combined with rainfall triggered flooding.

Snow pack now remains confined to the highest elevations of the northeast, as is typical for the summer.

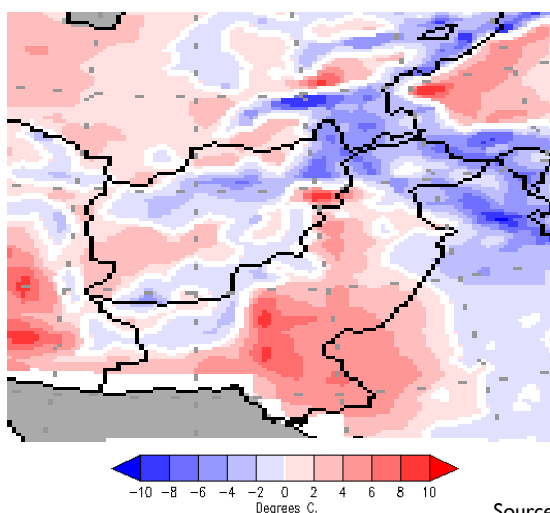
During the past few days, a low pressure system associated with the Indian monsoon brought heavy rain to southern Pakistan. Although additional showers and thundershowers are expected in Pakistan, seasonal dryness should prevail in Afghanistan.

During July and August, above-normal temperatures prevailed across the lowlands of Afghanistan with cooler-than-normal temperatures in northeast Afghanistan. Cooler temperatures compared to the past two months should affect much of Afghanistan where below-normal temperatures are forecast (Figure 2). Minimum temperatures will range from -10 to -5 °C in the northeast mountains and could fall below freezing in the central highlands (Figure 3).

**Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan**



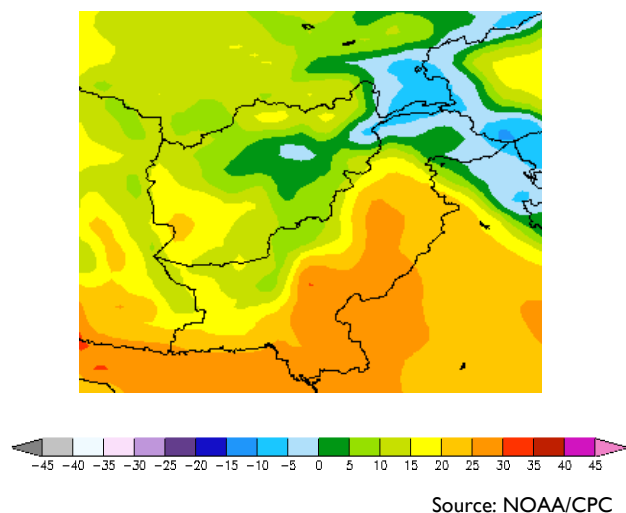
**Figure 2. Temperature Anomaly for August 31 – September 7, 2009.**



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**Figure 3. Extreme Minimum Temperature (°C) for August 31 – September 7, 2009.**



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