

## 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 localized flooding.

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

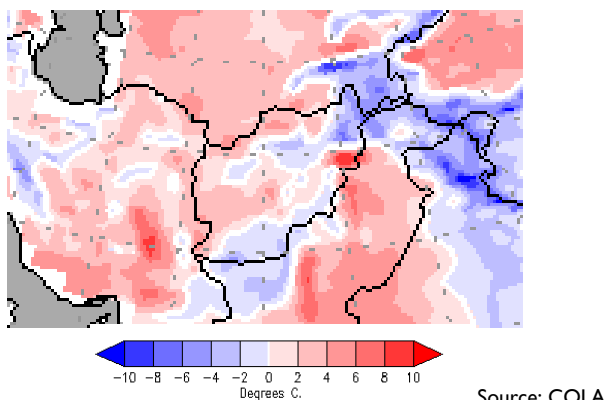
During the past few days, showers and thundershowers continued across Pakistan, with some showers in Afghanistan, along the eastern border. These showers are not widespread, and seasonal dryness should prevail across almost all of Afghanistan.

During July and August, above-normal temperatures remained in place across the lowlands of Afghanistan with cooler-than-normal temperatures across most of Afghanistan. Cooler temperatures compared to the past two months should move into parts of Afghanistan (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 September 8 - 14, 2009.



**Figure 3.** Extreme Minimum Temperature (°C) for September 8 - 14, 2009.

