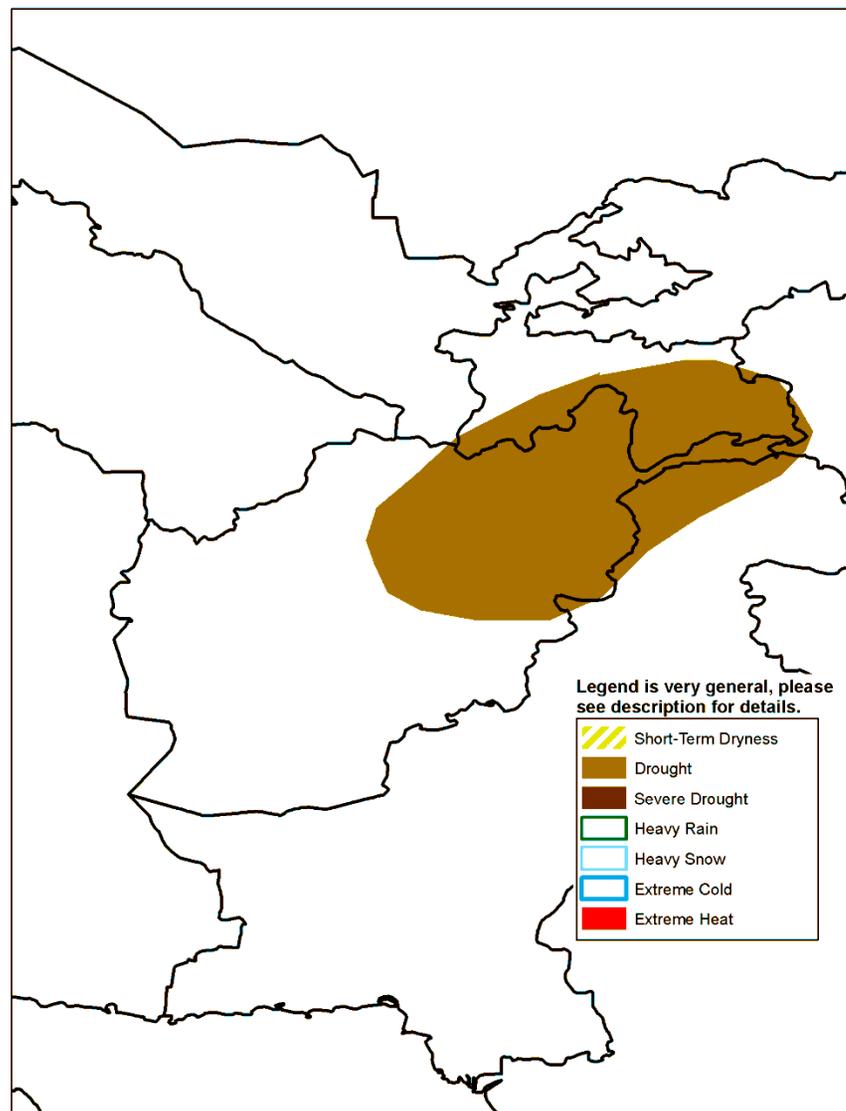


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During May, above-average temperatures continued throughout the lower terrain areas of southern Afghanistan. However, below average temperatures remained across the higher elevations in the northeast and in some local areas north of the Kabul region. During the next week, below-normal temperatures are expected across much of Afghanistan with the largest negative anomalies in the northeast mountains. Despite the below-average temperatures, maximum temperatures will likely exceed 35°C in southwest Afghanistan.

Following unseasonably late precipitation during early May, seasonal dryness returned during the past week. Despite the precipitation during April and early May, seasonal precipitation deficits for the wet season (October 2009 – April 2010) are significant in the northeast mountains and central highlands. Many local areas have experienced nearly half of their total normal precipitation accumulation since October.

During the next seven days, locally heavy rain (more than 25 mm) combined with rapid snow melt could trigger rises in river levels and localized flooding in areas to the north of the Kabul region and the northeast mountains.



Note: The Hazards assessment map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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