



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook October 30 – November 5, 2014

Temperatures:

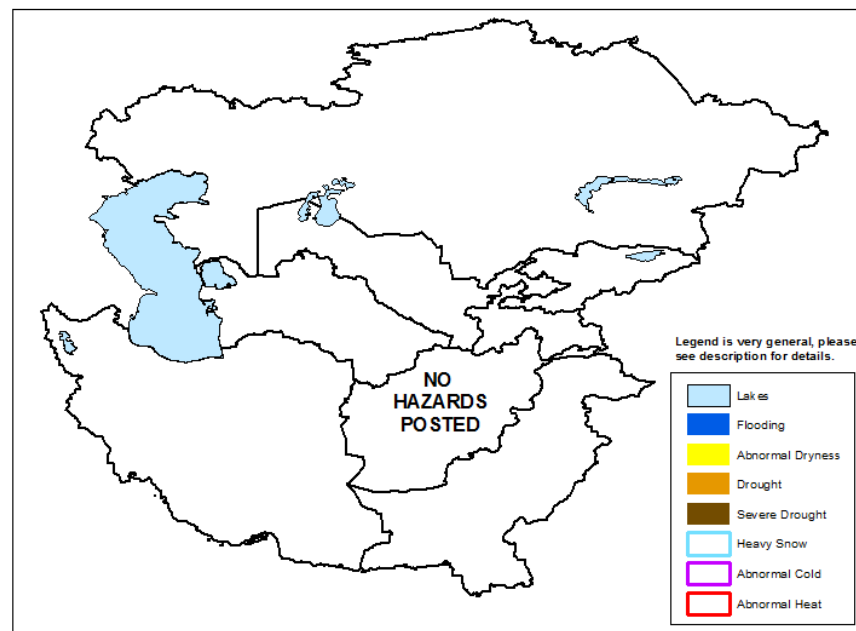
Temperatures averaged 1 to 7 degrees C below-normal across northwest Kazakhstan from October 19-25, while temperatures averaged above-normal across the remainder of the region. Minimum temperatures fell below -10 degrees C during the latter half of October across north-central Kazakhstan. During the next week, minimum temperatures are likely to fall below -10 degrees C across the northern half of Kazakhstan with freezing temperatures expected across the central highlands of Afghanistan.

Precipitation

Widespread precipitation (2 – 25 mm, or locally more) fell throughout Central Asia from October 19-25. The past 30 days were relatively wet across most of the region.

During the next week, the GFS model indicates lighter precipitation amounts (10 mm or less) across northeast Kazakhstan with rain and high-elevation snow for central/northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. A low pressure system tracking from the Middle East is forecast to result in widespread moderate rain (10 – 50 mm) across southwest Kazakhstan and western areas of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Cyclone Nilofar is weakening across the northern Arabian Sea as it approaches southeast Pakistan. However, locally heavy rain (more than 50 mm) with localized flooding is possible across southeast Pakistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook 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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