



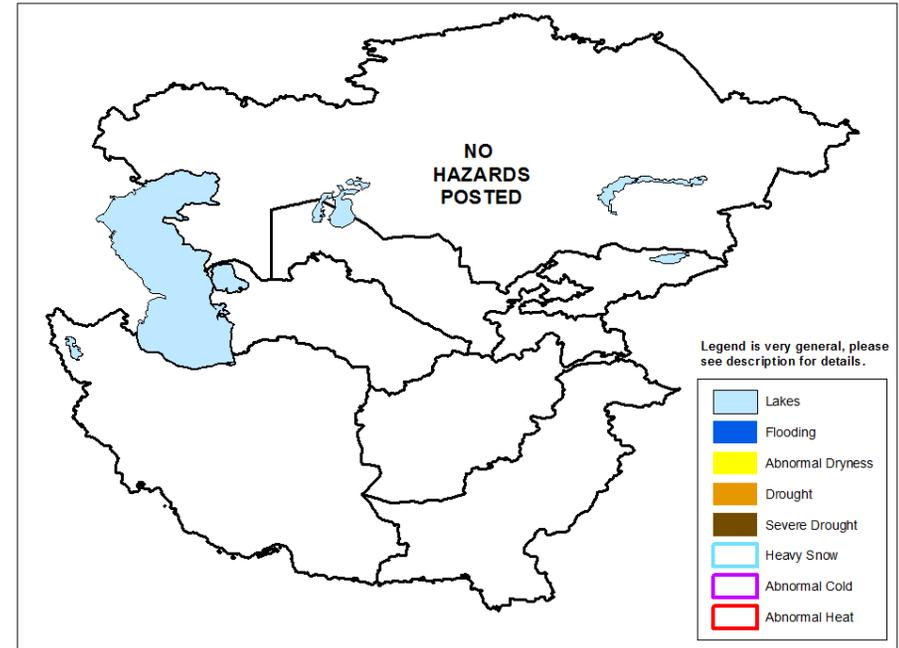
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook December 25 - 31, 2014

### **Temperatures:**

Below-normal temperatures (1 to 7 degrees C) persisted across eastern Kazakhstan during the third week of December, while a warming trend prevailed across the remainder of Central Asia. The coldest temperatures were observed across eastern Kazakhstan where minimum temperatures fell to around -30 degrees C. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that temperatures will average above-normal across the region with the largest positive anomalies over northern Kazakhstan.

### **Precipitation**

Mostly dry weather accompanied the milder temperatures from December 14-20. 90-day precipitation is generally at or above-normal throughout the region except for northwest Kazakhstan, according to the CPC-Unified data. During the next week, light to moderate rain and snow (15 mm or less, liquid equivalent) is expected across the northern half of Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and northeast Afghanistan.



**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.