



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook April 21 - 27, 2016

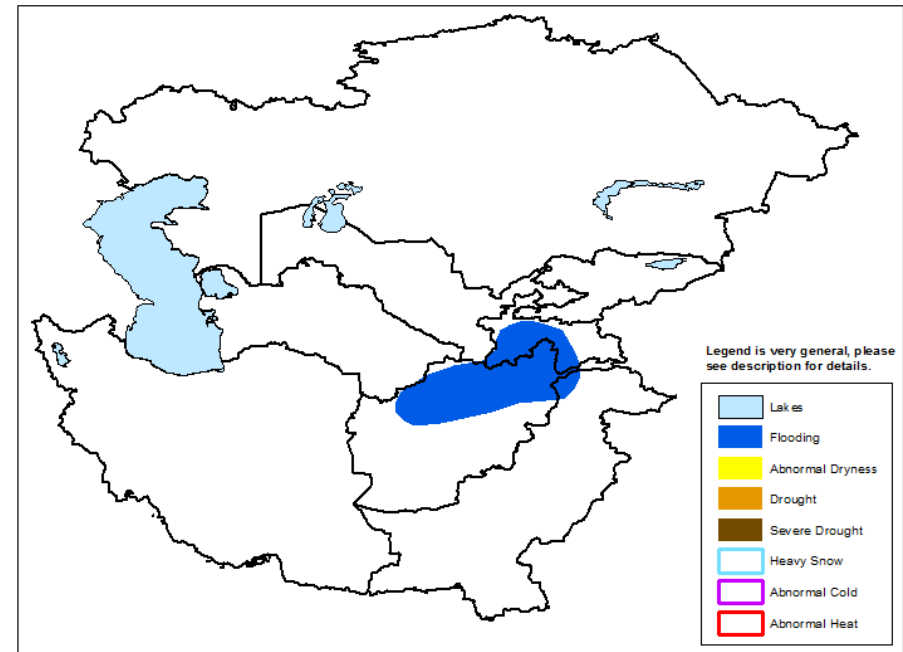
Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures (1 to 7 degrees C) prevailed across Central Asia from April 10 to 16. Maximum temperatures ranged from the lower 20s (degrees C) across northern Kazakhstan to the lower 30s (degrees C) across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and the lowlands of western Afghanistan. During the next week, above-normal temperatures are likely to persist across Kazakhstan with near to slightly below-normal temperatures across the remainder of the region.

Precipitation

During mid-April, heavy rain triggered deadly flash flooding across the following provinces of Afghanistan: Takhar, Badghis, and Samangan. Local rainfall amounts exceeded 25 mm across Afghanistan and southern Turkmenistan from April 10 to 16. The CPC unified gauge analysis indicates that most areas across Central Asia have experienced above-normal precipitation during the past 30 days.

During the remainder of April, rainfall along with ongoing snow melt is expected to result in a continued elevated risk of flash and river flooding, especially across northern 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.