

## AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

#20, May 27 – June 2, 2009

Since late March, heavy rainfall and snowmelt has triggered flooding, landslides, and avalanches in 10 of the country's 34 provinces. The heaviest rainfall has occurred in western and northern Afghanistan where flash flooding was responsible for casualties. Across Afghanistan, more than 10,000 hectares of farmland was affected and many livestock were killed.

Following a wet spring, dry weather prevailed across Afghanistan during this past week. In the highest elevations of the central highlands, snow cover remains but rapid melting has occurred in the lower elevations of the central highlands (Figure 3). Accelerating the snow melt recently has been above average temperatures in the lower elevations of the central highlands. Temperatures in the higher elevations in Afghanistan remain below average. (Figure 2)

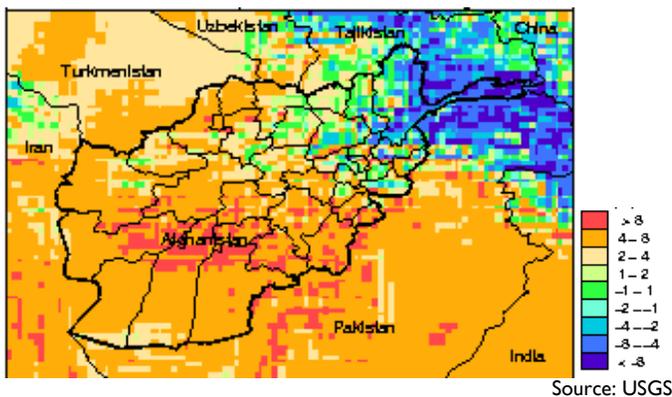
During the next week, dry weather can be expected across much of Afghanistan with precipitation limited to the northeast mountains. Temperatures should average within several degrees (°C) of normal. Extreme maximum temperatures could exceed 40 °C in southern and western Afghanistan.

**Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan**



VALID: May 27 - June 2, 2009  
SOURCE: NOAA

**Figure 2. Temperature Anomaly (°C) from May 11-20.**



**Figure 3. Snow depth as of May 24**

