



Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook May 21 – May 27, 2020

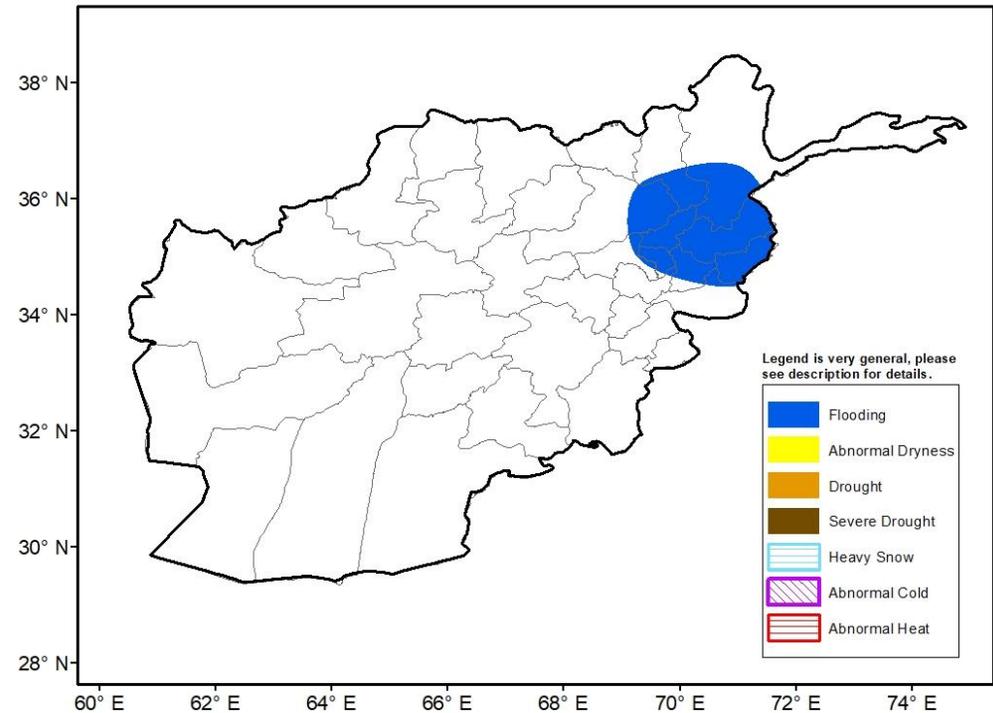
Temperatures:

Observed mean temperatures were a little colder than normal in Afghanistan. Negative maximum temperature anomalies of 2-6°C were widespread. Minimum temperatures were near normal. Maximum temperatures over 30°C were relegated to the southern provinces this week. During the outlook period, some cooler than normal temperatures (2-6°C anomalies) are possible in the central highlands. Minimum temperatures are widely expected to be above average.

Precipitation:

Moderate to heavy rains once again impacted Afghanistan during the third week of May. Many local areas in the north and east recorded more than 50mm of rain and locally more than 100mm. This heavy rainfall on top of already saturated ground keeps flooding risks elevated in the country's northern region. This extends a very wet period during which RFE satellite estimates indicate that more than 100mm, and locally more than 200mm, of precipitation (twice normal amounts) fell across the country since the start of April.

Some light and moderate rain will continue in the northeast throughout the week. The GEFS model indicates that total rainfall may exceed 25mm but will be less widespread than last week. A flooding hazard is maintained for northeast Afghanistan for another week.



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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