



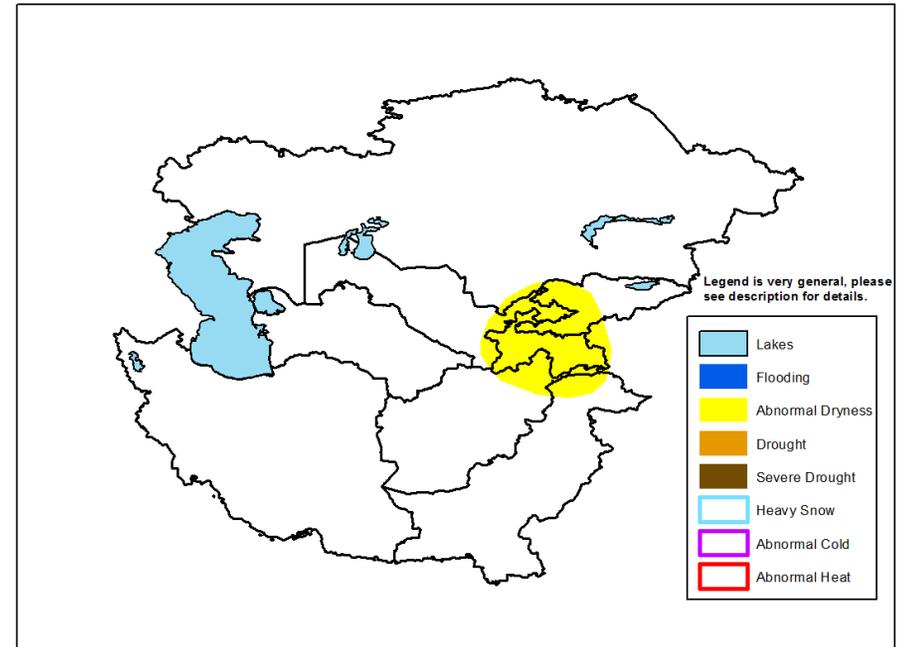
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook February 20 - 26, 2014

Temperatures:

Much below-normal temperatures (6 to 14 degrees C) persisted for the third consecutive week across much of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan. Temperatures averaged slightly below-normal across the remainder of the region during the second week of February. Minimum temperatures of -29 to -25 degrees C were observed across most of Kazakhstan. Freezing temperatures affected the lowlands of southern Afghanistan. During the next week, below-normal temperatures are expected to persist but negative anomalies are forecast to be smaller compared to the previous weeks.

Precipitation

Dry weather prevailed across Central Asia during the second week of February. According to the CPC-unified dataset, precipitation anomalies range from 50 to 100 mm during the past 90 days for the area highlighted in abnormal dryness. During the next week, light to moderate amounts of rain and snow (generally less than 30mm, liquid equivalent) are forecast for Kazakhstan, 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.

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