



## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook August 21 - 27, 2014

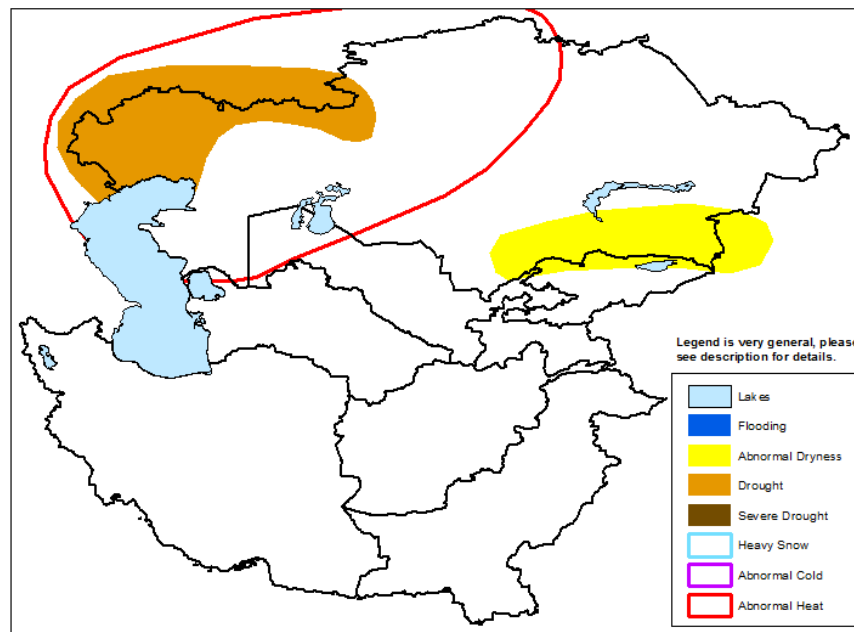
### **Temperatures:**

Temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees C above-normal across western Kazakhstan from August 10-16. Maximum temperatures were as high as 36 degrees C across this region. Elsewhere, across Central Asia, seasonal temperatures prevailed. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average much above-normal (10 degrees C or more) across much of Kazakhstan. An abnormal heat polygon is posted for parts of Kazakhstan where positive temperatures anomalies of 10 degrees C, or more, are coincident with predicted maximum temperatures of 35 to 40 degrees C.

### **Precipitation**

Due to the prolonged period of below-normal precipitation since May and guidance from VHI, a drought area is posted across parts of northwest Kazakhstan where dry weather persisted this past week. Meanwhile, widespread rain (locally more than 50 mm) fell across north-central and northeastern Kazakhstan. Since this rainfall nearly eliminated precipitation deficits across northeastern Kazakhstan, the abnormal dryness polygon is removed from this region.

During the next week, the GFS indicates little or no precipitation across Central Asia. Monsoon rainfall is expected to be lighter across northern Pakistan.



**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.**