



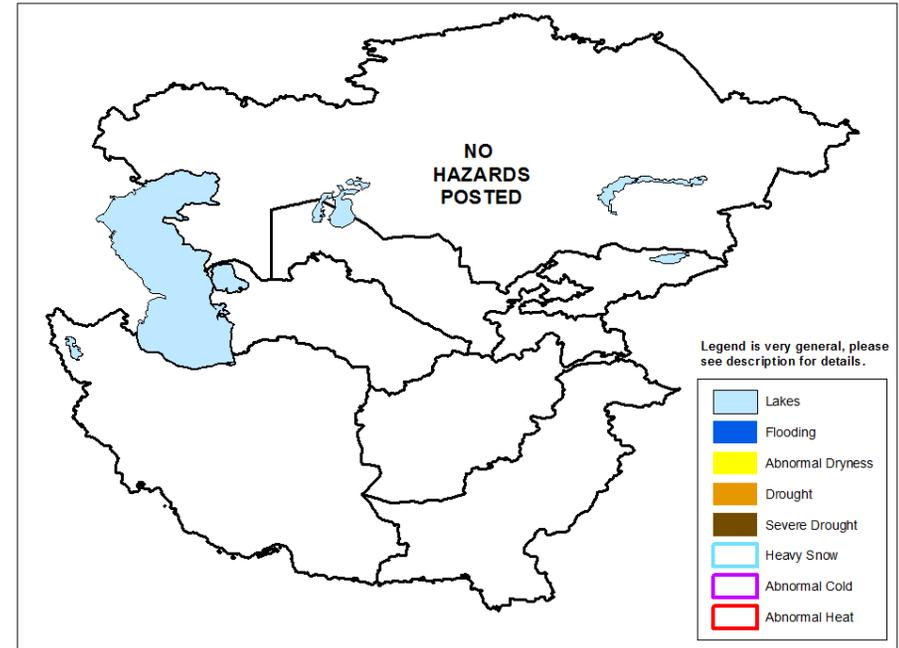
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook January 1 - 7, 2015

Temperatures:

Following below-normal temperatures during early to mid-December, above-normal temperatures prevailed across Central Asia from December 21 – 27. The largest positive temperature anomalies (more than 7 degrees C) were observed across north-central Kazakhstan. Maximum temperatures warmed to above freezing across most of the region. The warmer temperatures resulted in snow melt with southern Kazakhstan now snow free. During the next week, the GFS model indicates above-normal temperatures for most of the region during the first week of the New Year. However, minimum temperatures are predicted to fall below-normal across extreme northern Kazakhstan.

Precipitation

Light to moderate rain and snow (2 to 25 mm, locally more) fell across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. 90-day precipitation is generally at or above-normal throughout the region except for northwest Kazakhstan, according to the CPC-Unified data. During the next week, light to moderate rain and snow (20 mm or less, liquid equivalent) Asia is expected across the northern half of Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of 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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