



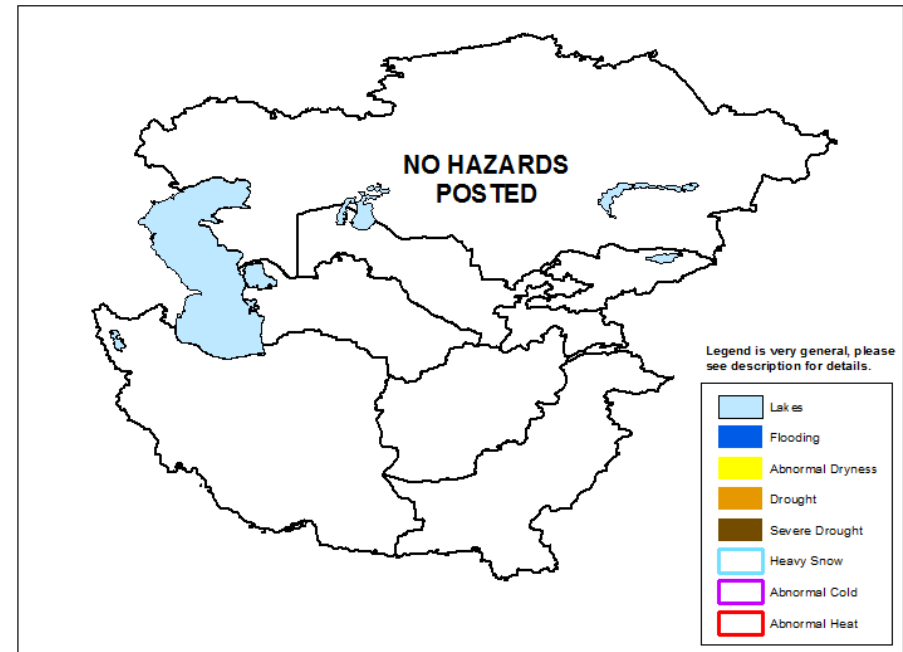
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook December 17 - 23, 2015

Temperatures:

Much above-normal temperatures (5 to 9 degrees C) prevailed across the northern half of Kazakhstan from December 6 to 12, while below-normal temperatures (1 to 6 degrees C) were observed across Afghanistan along with southern parts of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Minimum temperatures fell to around -5 degrees C in the lower elevations of Afghanistan during the past week. The GFS model indicates that minimum temperatures are likely to average below-normal during the next week across northern Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

During the past week, widespread precipitation was observed throughout the region with the largest amounts (more than 20 mm, liquid equivalent) extending from eastern Kazakhstan south to Afghanistan. Precipitation has averaged at or above-normal during the past 30 days throughout Central Asia. Since the beginning of October, snow water volume has been above-average across the basins of northeastern Afghanistan and western Tajikistan, according to model analyses. Widespread rain and snow (5 to 50 mm, liquid equivalent) is expected across Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.



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.