



## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook May 4 - 10, 2017

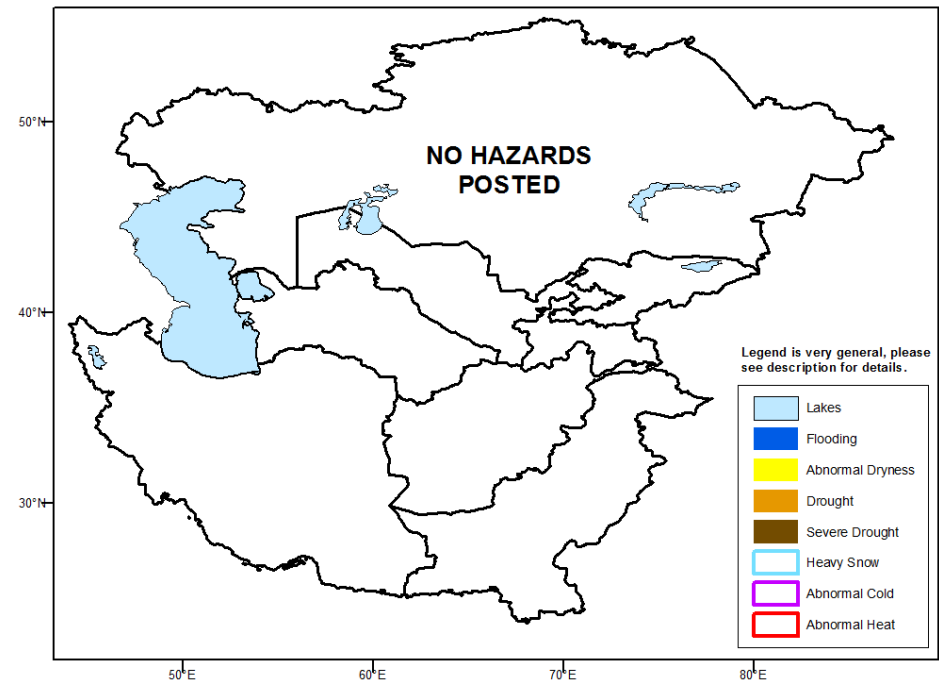
### **Temperatures:**

Near to above-normal temperatures prevailed across most Central Asia from April 23 to 29 with the largest anomalies (3 to 5 degrees C) over northeast Kazakhstan. The hottest temperatures (30 to 36 degrees C) were observed across southwest Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and the lower elevations of Afghanistan. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that near to above-normal temperatures are likely to persist. Maximum temperatures are expected to exceed 35 degrees C across Turkmenistan and the lower elevations of Afghanistan.

### **Precipitation**

Scattered showers (generally less than 25 mm) fell across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and northeast Afghanistan from April 23 to 29. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that a relatively wet pattern will continue for the lower latitudes of the region, including parts of Afghanistan and Tajikistan where 10 to 50 mm of precipitation is forecast.

The recent warmth resulted in rapid snow melt across Afghanistan during the past month. Since nearly all basins have melted away their snow, the risk of flooding is reduced compared to previous weeks.



**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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