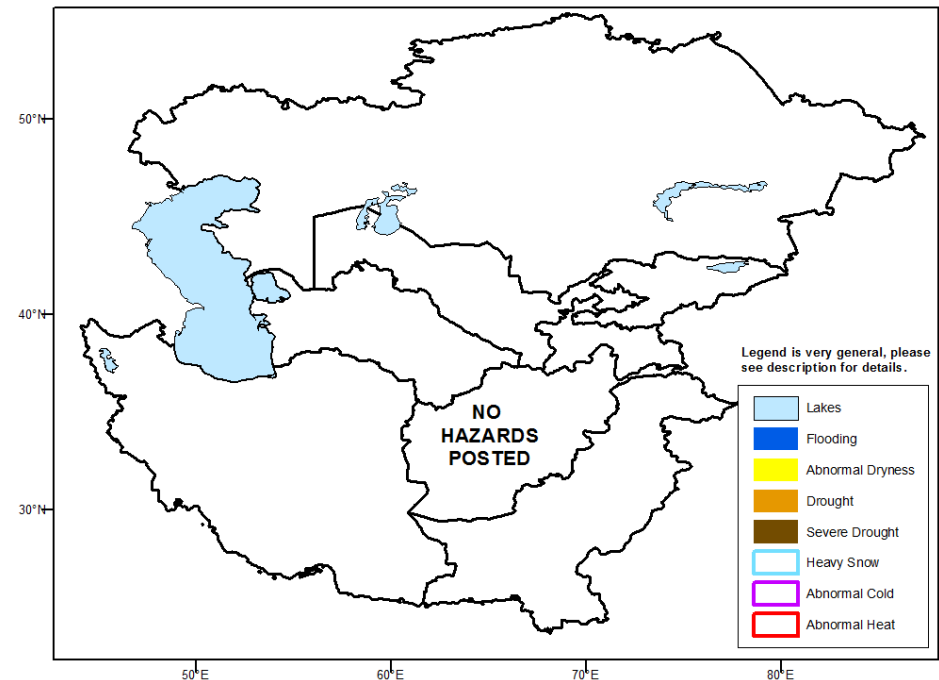# Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook
October 25 - 31, 2018

Temperatures:

Below-normal temperatures (1 to 8 degrees C) prevailed throughout the region from October 14 to 20. Subfreezing temperatures occurred as far south as Turkmenistan during mid-October, while the lowest temperature (-12 degrees C) was observed in Tajikistan. The GFS model indicates that an upper-level ridge builds over the region with above-normal temperatures likely returning. Minimum temperatures are forecast to remain above freezing except for northeast Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

Widespread rain and high-elevation snow (2 to 86 mm, liquid equivalent) was observed across much of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan for the second consecutive week. Precipitation has averaged at or above normal throughout a majority of the region during the past 30 days. The GFS model depicts another round of precipitation (mostly in the form of light rain) to occur across much of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and northern Afghanistan. Precipitation amounts are expected to be lower during the final week of October compared to the previous two weeks.

NO HAZARDS POSTED

Legend is very general, please see description for details.

- Lakes
- Flooding
- Abnormal Dryness
- Drought
- Severe Drought
- Heavy Snow
- Abnormal Cold
- Abnormal Heat

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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