

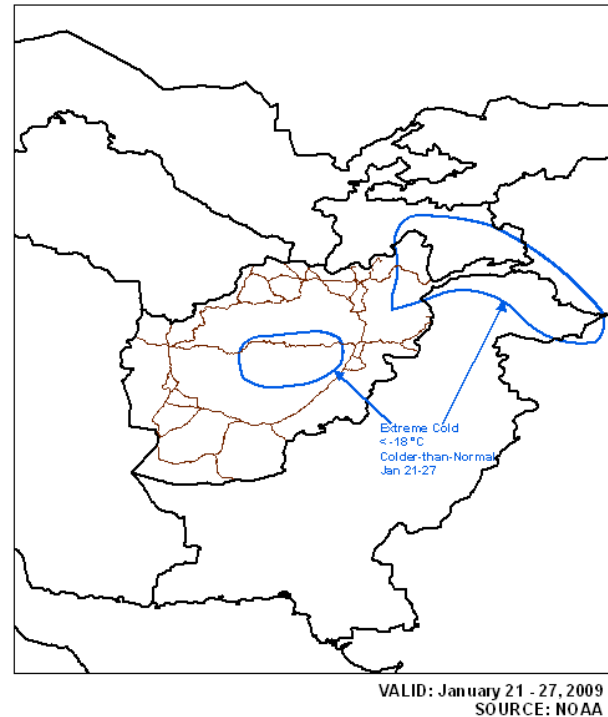
## AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

#03, January 21 - 27, 2009

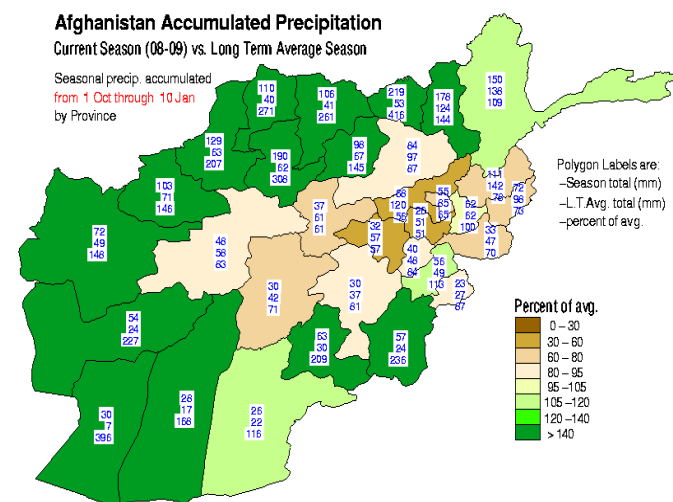
During early January, temperatures were below average across the central highlands and northeast mountains. By the middle of the month, temperatures were generally at or above normal across Afghanistan. The warming trend resulted in the reduction of snow cover in northern Afghanistan. During the next week, below average temperatures can be expected in the northeast mountains and central highlands where extreme cold (minimum temperatures below  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) is forecast.

From October – early January, precipitation has averaged above normal across the lowlands, while precipitation has averaged below normal across the central highlands (Figure 2). During the upcoming week, high pressure should limit the precipitation amounts with only brief periods of light rain and high-elevation snow (Figure 3). Therefore, precipitation deficits in the central highlands should continue.

**Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan**



**Figure 2.**

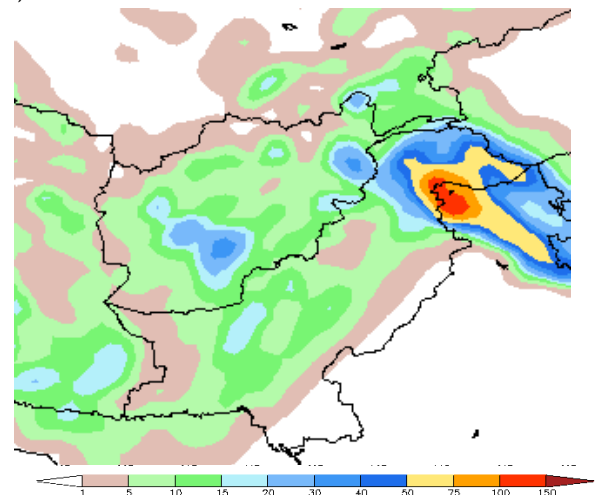


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**Figure 3. Total Precipitation (mm) for January 21 - 27, 2009**



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