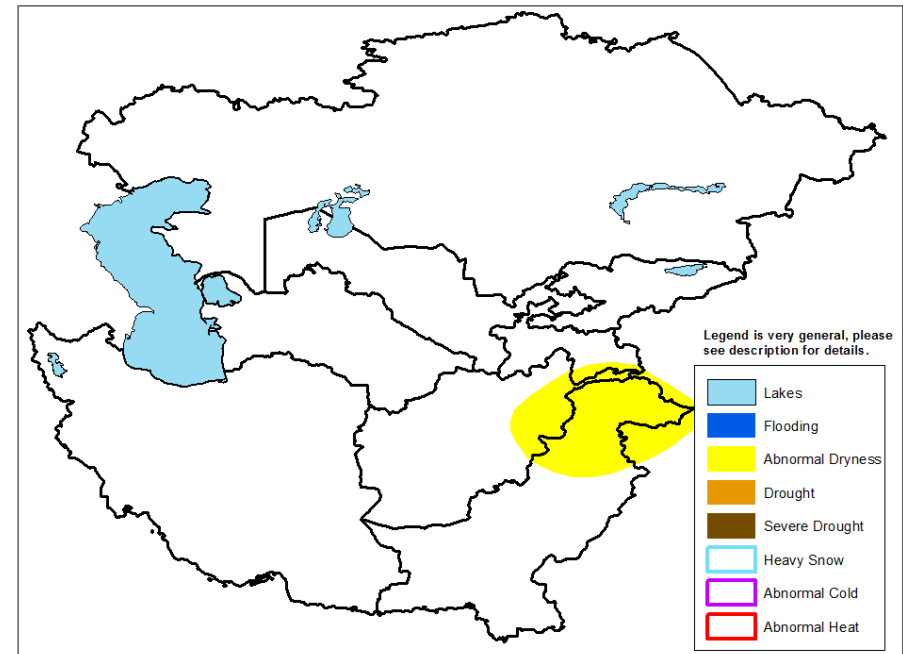# Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook
November 16 - 22, 2017

Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures (2 to 8 degrees C) were observed across the Central Asia region from November 7 to November 13, and most anomalously in Tajikistan. However, temperatures were generally cooler than the previous week. Maximum temperatures reached 28 degrees C in southern Afghanistan and minimum temperatures were as low as -18 degrees C in northeastern Kazakhstan. During the outlook period, above-normal temperatures (6-12 degrees above average) are forecast over Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, while Afghanistan is expected to cool down below average. Subfreezing temperatures will be limited to the northern two thirds of Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

Precipitation (2 to 25 mm) was observed mainly across eastern Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan. Other than a few light showers in western areas, dry weather persisted over the remainder of the region. Based on CMORPH precipitation estimates that feature precipitation deficits ranging from 25 - 100mm during the past 30 days and recent above-normal temperatures, abnormal dryness is posted for parts of eastern Afghanistan and northern Pakistan. During the next week, precipitation is forecast to occur across several portions of Kazakhstan. Beneficial moderate rain is also likely in Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Pakistan during the beginning of the period. With temperatures returning closer to average, snowpack may begin to increase.

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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