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Special Advisory for Strong winds, Heavy Rain and Rough seas

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 02.00 a.m. 15th November 2018.

For the period until 05.30 a.m. 16th November 2018

For Northern and North-Central Provinces and Puttalam and Trincomalee districts
and for Northern, Eastern and Gulf of Mannar sea areas

PLEASE BE AWARE:

The Cyclonic storm 'GAJA' over the Central Bay of Bengal is now located approximately 510km away from Kankasanturai to the northeast of Sri Lanka, near latitude-12.2N, Longitude-84.0E at 08.30p.m. on 14 November. It is very likely to move west-southwestwards and intensify further into a Severe Cyclonic Storm during next 06 hours.

The system is expected to cross South Tamil Nadu coast and very likely to move closer to the northern coast of Sri Lanka during 15th November evening.

FOR LAND AREA:

Under the influence of this system showery and windy condition will enhance over the Northern and North-central provinces and in the Puttalam and Trincomalee districts during 14th evening to 15th November 2018.

High winds (80 - 90) kmph, gusting up to 100kmph can be expected over the Jaffna peninsula from tomorrow (15) evening. Very strong winds (60-70) kmph, gusting up to 80kmph can be expected over Mannar, Puttalam, Trincomalee, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Killinochchi, Mullaitiv and Vauniya districts too.

Showers and thundershowers at times with Very heavy falls above 150mm can be expected in the Jaffna peninsula. Heavy falls above 100mm can be expected in other areas in the Northern Province.

Sea water inundation may occur in the low lying areas in the near coast from Mannar to Kankasanturai.

FOR SEA AREA:

High winds (80 - 90) kmph, gusting up to 110kmph can be expected over the sea areas off the coast extending from Mullaitivu to Mannar via Kankasanturai will be very rough from 14th noon to 16th November. Sea areas off the coast extending from Potuvil to Mullaitivu via Batticaloa can be rough at times as the wind speed can increase up to (50-60) kmph.



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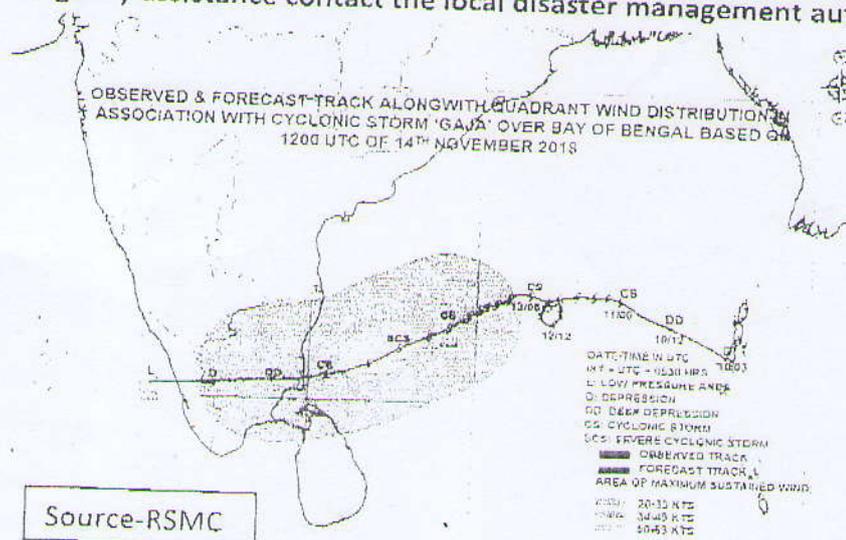
Heavy showers or thundershowers can be expected in the sea areas off the coast extending from Mullaitivu to Mannar via Kankasanturai.

DAMAGE EXPECTED:

- Damage to thatched huts/houses, roof tops may blow off and unattached metal sheets may fly.
- Damage to power and communication lines.
- Breaking of tree branches and uprooting of large avenue trees.
- Damage to paddy crops, banana, papaya trees and orchards.

ACTION SUGGESTED:

- Fishermen are advised not to venture into sea areas off coast extending from Potuvil to Mannar via Trincomalee and Kankasanturai.
- The fishermen, who are in deep Sea of South-west Bay of Bengal, are advised to move safer sea areas.
- Coastal hutment dwellers in Northern coastal area are advised to move to safer places. Other people in the affected areas to remain indoors.
- Beware of fallen trees and power lines.
- Avoid using wired telephones and connected electric appliances during thunderstorms.
- For emergency assistance contact the local disaster management authorities.



Forecast position and approximate distance to the center location from Kankasanturai		
Date/Time (SLST) (Hrs)	Position (Lat/Lon)	Distance to KKS (km)
2018.11.15/0530	11.7N/82.7E	360
2018.11.15/1130	11.2N/81.8E	250
2018.11.15/1730	10.8N/80.5E	120
2018.11.16/0530	10.6N/78.9E	150

The next bulletin will be issued at 08.00 a.m on 15th November 2018