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# Weekly SAHF Forecasters' Forum (FF) #217

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## Discussion Notes

<p><b>Realized Weather-Country Reports ( 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Apr 2026)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bhutan experienced mostly cloudy to cloudy conditions with light to moderate rainfall across the country. A few locations reported heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds, including isolated hailstorm events. The highest rainfall recorded was 49 mm over southern regions, with temperatures higher in southern parts compared to the north.</li> <li>▪ Bangladesh experienced near to slightly below normal temperatures (by 1–2°C) during the early part of the week. Light to moderate heatwave conditions affected western regions, with maximum temperature reaching 39.7°C and minimum temperature recorded at 17.5°C. Significant rainfall (up to 102 mm) was observed over northeastern parts.</li> <li>▪ Nepal experienced scattered to moderate rainfall and thunderstorms over hilly regions, with continued influence of westerly systems. Higher elevations reported light snowfall, while temperatures remained near to slightly above normal.</li> <li>▪ Myanmar experienced isolated light to moderate rainfall over northern regions, while southern regions remained mostly cloudy with widespread thunderstorm activity.</li> <li>▪ Maldives experienced hot conditions with temperatures ranging from 34°C to 39°C. Strong winds and thunderstorms were reported over southern atolls due to active convective systems, leading to rough sea conditions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Significant Weather Features in the region for the coming week (10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Apr 2026)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Persistent warming trends are expected across South Asia, with increasing likelihood of heatwave conditions over northwest and peninsular India.</li> <li>▪ Convective activity associated with ITCZ/ITCG convergence zones is expected to influence Maldives, southern India, and eastern parts of the region.</li> <li>▪ Reduced influence of westerly systems over the Gangetic plains is likely to support rising temperatures, while residual effects may continue over the Himalayan region.</li> <li>▪ Scattered to fairly widespread thunderstorms are expected across eastern India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar due to moisture availability and instability.</li> <li>▪ Dry conditions are likely to dominate large parts of the Indian subcontinent during the extended period, with gradual warming from week two onward.</li> <li>▪ Early signals indicate a possible onset of southwest monsoon over Maldives and southern Sri Lanka in early May, subject to further confirmation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Weather Outlook (10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Apr 2026)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bhutan is expected to experience cloudy to mostly cloudy conditions with light to moderate rainfall. Thunderstorms with gusty winds are likely over isolated areas, with possible snowfall over higher elevations.</li> <li>▪ Bangladesh is likely to experience mostly dry conditions over most parts of the country, except northeastern regions. Mild to moderate heatwave conditions may develop over western and southwestern regions, with gradual rise in temperature.</li> <li>▪ Nepal is expected to experience partly cloudy to cloudy conditions with isolated to scattered rainfall and thunderstorms, particularly over hilly regions.</li> <li>▪ Sri Lanka is expected to experience isolated to scattered thundershowers,</li> </ul>



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	<p>particularly during afternoon and evening hours under warm and humid conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Myanmar is expected to experience mostly fine weather with isolated to scattered rainfall and thunderstorms over northern and southern regions. Day temperatures are likely to rise and remain slightly above normal during mid-week.</li> <li>▪ Maldives is expected to experience convective activity over southern atolls associated with convergence zones, while northern and central parts remain relatively stable with warm conditions.</li> <li>▪ Pakistan is expected to experience generally dry and warm conditions over most parts of the country. However, northern and northwestern regions may receive isolated rainfall and thunderstorms under the influence of weak westerly systems. Temperatures are likely to rise gradually, with increasing heat stress over southern and central regions.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Extended Range Outlook</b> <b>(10<sup>th</sup> Apr – 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2026)</b></p>	<p><b>Extended Temperature outlook</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Temperatures are expected to remain above normal across most parts of South Asia, with significant warming over northwest and peninsular regions.</li> <li>▪ Heatwave conditions are likely to develop and intensify over inland areas as dry conditions prevail.</li> <li>▪ Gradual warming is expected to continue from week two onwards across the region.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Extended Rainfall Outlook</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Below normal rainfall is expected over large parts of the Indian subcontinent due to prevailing dry conditions.</li> <li>▪ Convective precipitation is likely to persist over eastern and northeastern regions, including Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and northeastern India.</li> <li>▪ Localized thunderstorms will remain the primary source of rainfall, with variability in spatial distribution.</li> </ul>
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