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**SRI LANKA – FLOODS & LANDSLIDE DISASTER CAUSED BY INTER
MONSOONAL RAINS**

<u>Programme Location:</u>	07 districts in the Southern and South Central Regions of Sri Lanka
<u>Dates Covered:</u>	May 25-26 th 2017
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Heavy Inter Monsoonal Rains affect several parts in the Southern & South central parts of Sri Lanka

Torrential rains have affected 07 districts in the Southern and South Central districts of Sri Lanka since 25thMay 2017.

According to the Disaster Management Centre, 07 districts have affected by the heavy rains and as at 12 hrs on 26th May 2017, 2811 families consisting of 7,856 persons have been affected. 25 persons have died and 42 persons are listed as missing. The largest number of deaths has been reported from the Ratnapura district where 10 people have died due to mostly to landslides. But other media reports indicate that 56 persons have died so far.

The heaviest damage has been reported from the Galle district in Southern Province where 1,866 families consisting of 7,157 persons living in 16 Divisional Secretariat divisions have been affected. The main roads in the Southern districts of Galle, Hambantota and Matara are reported to be under water and traffic has come to standstill.

All schools in Sothern and Sabaragamuwa provinces have been closed until further notice. The ministry of education has informed that the forthcoming National Examinations scheduled for the 27th & 28th May has been postponed due to bad weather.

According to the Department of Meteorology, South –west monsoon conditions have established over the country. Showers or thundershowers have been forecast to

continue in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Central, and North Western Provinces with heavy rains of about 150 mm to be expected in some places.

The National Building Research Organization has issued an alert of the possibility of landslides in 06 districts and advised people to leave these areas.

Water levels in the 05 main rivers in the affected areas are rising due to the rains and the Government of Sri Lanka has made arrangements to evacuate those living alongside the low lying regions of these rivers and is organizing relief measures to help the affected families. The Security forces including the Army, Navy and Air Force are involved in the rescue operations.

The number of families affected as of 26th May 2017 - 12hrs

District	No. of Deaths	Missing people	No. of Families Affected	No. of Persons	In Safe Locations	
					No. of Families	No. of Persons
1 Kegalle	02		221			
2 Ratnapura	10		34	128	NA	NA
3 Kalutura	09	12	09	36	NA	NA
4 Gampaha	02		02	05	NA	NA
5 Matara	01	30			NA	NA
6 Galle			1,866	7,157	NA	NA
7 Hambantota	01		119	493	NA	NA
Total	25	42	2811	7,856		

DMC - situation report - 26/5/17 - 12.00 hrs

Website: <http://www.dmc.gov.lk/>

<http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/Rains-and-floods-Death-toll-exceeds--129692.html#sthash.5ZZ4Cwhz.dpuf>

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