

Emergency Relief for Sri Lanka after Severe Rain, Wind, Flood, and Landslides

Thursday, November 27, 2025
All of Sri Lanka placed under RED ALERT
Heavy Rain Warning

Safety Guidelines Issued by Disaster Management Authorities

Authorities advise the public to take the following precautions:

✓ Stay Indoors

Avoid unnecessary travel during heavy downpours.

✓ Move to Higher Ground If Needed

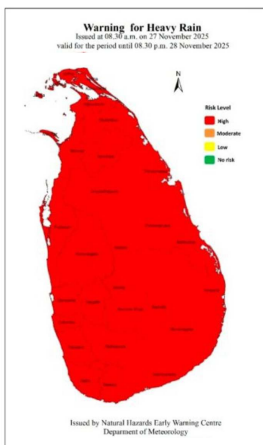
If water begins entering your home or you live near flood-prone rivers.

✓ Keep Emergency Supplies Ready

Important documents, water, dry food, torchlights, chargers, first-aid, and baby essentials.

✓ Secure Loose Items

Outdoor items, roofing sheets, and temporary structures can become hazards during strong winds.



On Saturday, November 29, Sri Lanka declared a nationwide state of emergency and appealed for international assistance as Cyclone Ditwah continued to batter the island. The death toll has reached 334 with more than 200 people missing. More than 20,000 homes were destroyed and nearly 180,000 people took refuge in state-run temporary shelters as torrential rains and landslides, triggered by the cyclonic storm, unleashed one of the country's worst natural disasters.

The whole country has been affected, and nearly one-third is without electricity or running water, with power lines downed and water purification systems flooded. Some villages have been completely buried, making civilian-led rescue efforts impossible without military support. Roads, bridges, rail-lines, and power grids have suffered severe damage, paralysing transport and communications networks. There have been widespread breakdowns in electricity, telecom, water supply, and logistics. In some areas, water supply has been stopped. With the flooding of rice and vegetable fields, shortage of food is certain. Already long lines have formed at fueling stations, and shortage of cooking gas is expected. Extraordinary measures will be necessary to prevent panic, to maintain order, and to safeguard shelters, hospitals, and supply lines. In some areas, due to swollen rivers and brimming reservoirs, there are dire warnings of worse to come.



The Moragahakanda Main Bridge, a vital link between Matale, Polonnaruwa, and Kurunegala districts, was swept away by raging waters. This bridge supported agricultural transport and access to the Moragahakanda Reservoir, the largest in the Mahaweli Development Project. Its collapse has stranded thousands and disrupted irrigation supply lines tied to the reservoir.



A landslide in Kadugannawa, between Kandy and Colombo, dislodged a huge boulder which fell and crushed a house, killing six people and injuring several others.



A mudslide blocked the Haloluwa Tunnel in Anniwatte, Kandy, near our house. We have heard that this is the only motorable tunnel in Sri Lanka.



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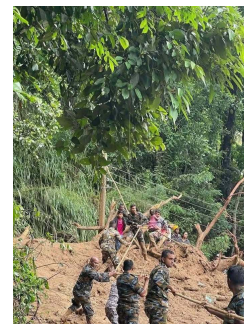


Sri Lankan security forces are carrying out extremely difficult rescue missions across the country, reaching stranded families, evacuating the vulnerable, and saving lives in dangerous conditions.

For international bank transfer, please send a request for instructions.

Everyone in Sri Lanka is being affected by this disaster. The needs are urgent and great, and it will take considerable time for the country, already suffering from an economic crisis, to recover. Buddhist Relief Mission is committed to cooperating with friends, students, and local organizations, to distribute food, medicine, and essential supplies, without discrimination, to as many of the needy as possible. At the same time, we will continue to offer relief to destitute families, schools, monasteries, and other institutions we've been helping for years. We appeal to all our donors and supporters for assistance in these meritorious efforts. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. **Sadhu! Sadhu!! Sadhu!!!**

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