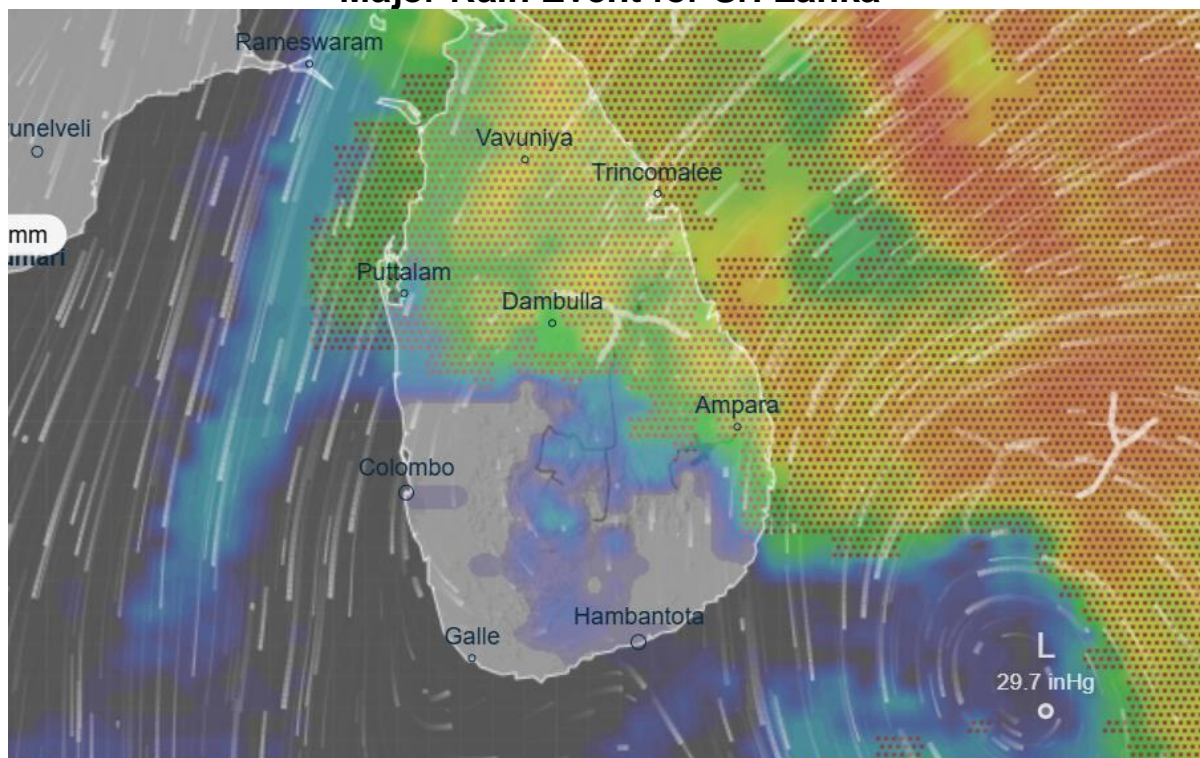




## Major Rain Event for Sri Lanka



Valid: 8–17 January 2026

### Affected Areas

Eastern and northern Sri Lanka (Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Jaffna, Ampara, Polonnaruwa), North-Central, Uva, and Central provinces; adjoining Tamil Nadu delta.

### Hazard Types

Heavy to very heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds (gusts 40–50+ km/h), thunderstorms with lightning, rough seas, and potential landslides in hilly areas.

### Summary

A low-pressure system in the southeast Bay of Bengal, intensifying into a depression and moving toward Sri Lanka's east coast, will bring widespread heavy rains starting January 8, 2026. Peak impacts occur January 9–12 with very heavy to extreme downpours and thunderstorms in eastern/northern areas, including the Jaffna-Trincomalee-Batticaloa belt. On January 14–15, a sharp reduction in precipitation intensity and coverage signals the end of the major rain phase.