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Discussion Notes

Realized Weather (10-16 June 2022)	 Under the influence of Western Disturbances (WDs), isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers observed over northern parts of Afghanistan and Pakistan with rest of the countries experiencing dry and hot weather conditions. Under the same westerly influence, heat wave conditions subsided in most of the places across Pakistan. Currently moist winds from Arabian sea seen over the region with moderate strong south westerly winds prevailing over south Myanmar. Under this influence scattered rain/thundershowers observed in most of the places over Myanmar with fairly widespread and isolated heavy rainfall over some isolated places. Light to moderate rain/thundershowers observed over Nepal and Bhutan due to the influence of east west trough from Uttar Pradesh to northeastern states. East-west trough from east Uttar Pradesh to West Bengal and south westerly wind flow from Bay of Bengal persisting over Bangladesh. Fairly widespread rainfall observed in some places over Bangladesh. Persistence of north-south trough extending from Tamil Nadu to west of Sri Lanka. Moderate to at times strong south westerly winds (monsoon flow) observed. Under these influences, isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers activities observed across Maldives with flow of winds mainly from south westerly to north westerly.
Salient synoptic features in the coming week	 WD expected over Afghanistan and adjoining areas of Pakistan on 19 June 2022. Persistence of strong south westerly winds from Bay of Bengal to northeastern regions at lower levels. Persistence of strong monsoonal wind flow over Myanmar. Moderate to strong south westerly winds prevailing over Sri Lanka and Maldives. Moderate to strong cross equatorial wind flow likely during this week. Persistence of shear zone across south peninsular India over 700mb.

Rainfall outlook	 Isolated and scattered rain/thundershower likely mostly over the northern and central parts of Afghanistan and Pakistan with some places likely to experience fairly widespread and heavy rain/thundershowers. Bhutan and Nepal likely to experience scattered rain/thundershowers over the next week with likely increase in rainfall activity thereafter. Bangladesh and Maldives likely to experience gradual increase in rainfall over the next week. While most places in Myanmar and Sri Lanka are likely to experience isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers over the next week, widespread and heavy rainfall is expected over some isolated places in these countries. 	 Extended Range Outlook (until 29 June 2022) Probability of rainfall (>25mm) likely over Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Maldives and some parts of Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and India towards the week ending of 22 June 2022. Probability of rainfall (>25mm) likely to continue over Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, parts of India and isolated places over Sri Lanka towards the week ending of 29 June 2022.
Temperature outlook	• Temperatures across much of the region likely to decrease over the next week.	
Monsoon updates	 Southwest monsoon is currently active and vigorous over Myanmar and moderate over Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives. Overall, the southwest monsoon is getting momentum across the region. 	