



Monthly and Seasonal Outlook of Rainfall for Chattogram and Cox's Bazar Region, Bangladesh

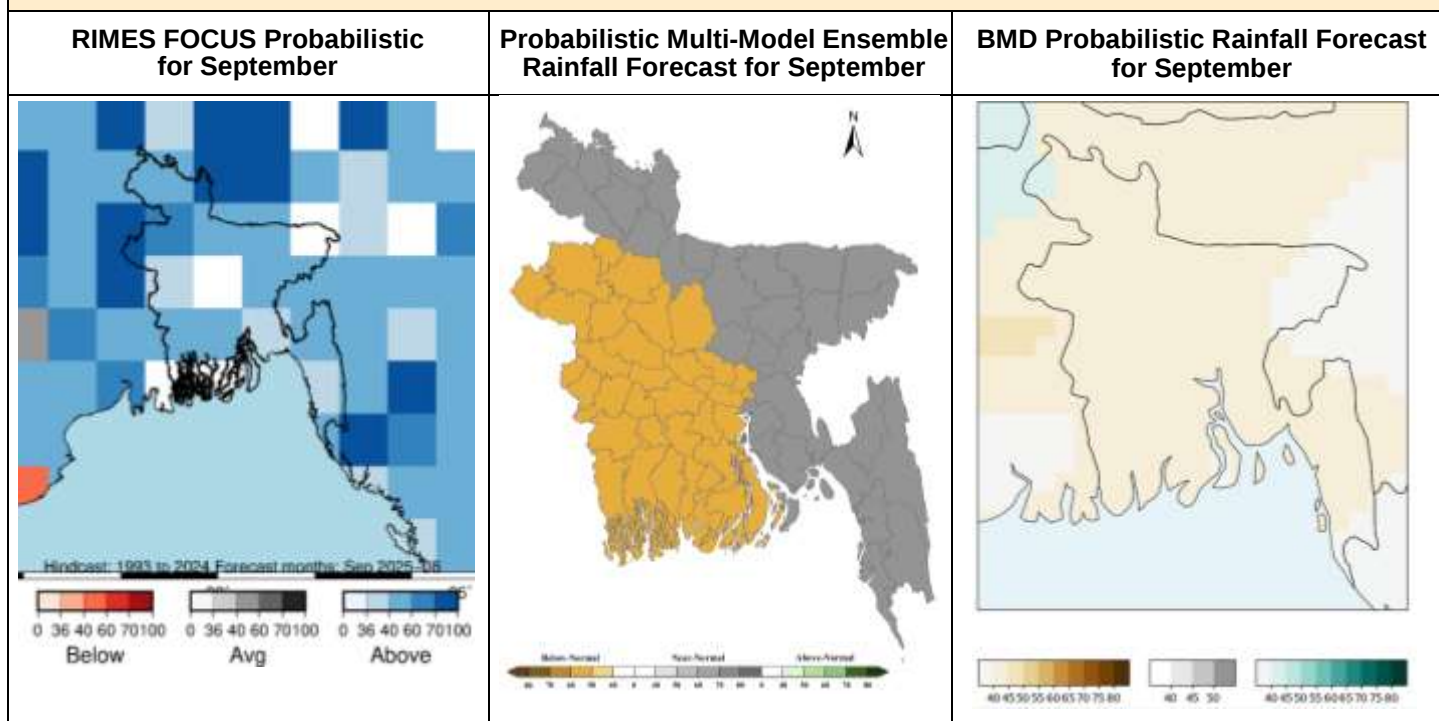
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For the Month of September and Sep-Oct-Nov

Observed Climate in August 2025

The cumulative rainfall for the month of August in Cox's Bazar was 351 mm and in Teknaf was 220 mm which indicates in Cox's Bazar (-47%) below normal and Teknaf (-76%) below normal rainfall during August. For reference, based on the climatology (1980-2018) the normal cumulative rainfall for the month of August is 667 mm in Cox's Bazar and 899 mm in Teknaf. The overall rainfall scenario was near normal (-11%) for Chattogram in the month of August.

Outlook for September 2025

Considering World Meteorological Organization (WMO) designated global center model outputs, RIMES FOCUS probabilistic outlook, and BMD's deterministic forecast, there is a 60% chance of near normal rainfall in Cox's Bazar region during the month of September. For reference, based on the climatology (1980-2018) the normal cumulative rainfall for the month of September in Cox's Bazar is 925 mm and Teknaf is 1030 mm. Overall, analyzing the available model output, it is likely to be near normal to below normal rainfall for the whole country during the month of September.

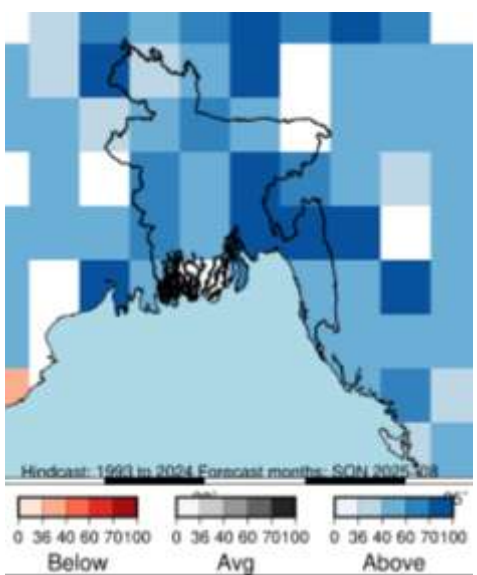


There may form 2-3 low pressures system in Bay of Bengal during September and one of them may intensify into monsoon depression.

Outlook for September-October-November 2025

Considering World Meteorological Organization (WMO) designated global center model outputs, RIMES FOCUS probabilistic outlook, and BMD’s deterministic forecast, it is highly likely that the month of September-October-November would bring above-normal rainfall for the Chattogram and Cox’s Bazar region. Based on the climatology (1980-2018) the normal cumulative rainfall for September-October-November in Cox’s Bazar is 653 mm and in Teknaf is 685 mm. Considering the available model output there is a 60% chance of above-normal rainfall in the Cox’s Bazar region. Overall, the whole country may receive normal to above normal rainfall during this three-month period.

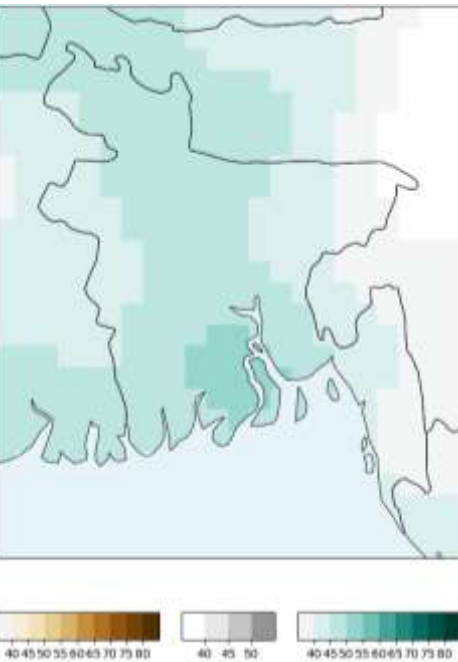
RIMES FOCUS Probabilistic Forecast for SON



Probabilistic Multi-Model Ensemble Rainfall Forecast for SON



BMD Probabilistic Rainfall Forecast for SON



Overview

The climate outlook provides a broader perspective of the possible climate for the coming month and season. This monthly and seasonal outlook (September and September-October-November) is generated by analyzing various global models and the monthly forecast of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department. In this outlook, forecast generated by the RIMES FOCUS tool is also included (which shall be tested experimentally for Bangladesh).

Interpretation of climate outlooks

In general, the climate outlooks are presented in two different ways. But first we need to explain **Normal**. Normal in climate terms is the Long Period Average (LPA) of the rainfall over a location using 30 years or more of rainfall data (measured at a station). The average is considered as the “Normal” rainfall for the region. And seasonal climate outlook is to estimate if the season will have more than Normal, less than Normal rainfall or equivalent to normal rainfall.

Forecast methods:

1. **Deterministic:** Deterministic forecast explains the percentage (%) departure from the Normal. If we expect 20% or less than Normal rainfall, we call it to be **Below Normal**, if we expect 20% or more, we can it **Above Normal** and anything within the $\pm 20\%$ is called **Near Normal** rainfall for the season.

2. **Probabilistic:** The probabilistic approach explains the possibility (chance) of a certain amount of rainfall happening. For example, what is the chance of the season to be Below normal, or Normal or above Normal. If we say 45% Below normal, 30 % Normal, and 25 % Above Normal. There is a highly likely chance for the season to be Normal to Below Normal with a combined (75%) chance.

Important Note

Near Normal rainfall does not indicate there will be no or less extreme rainfall events. There can be high-intensity rainfall within a short period of time followed by dry spells which may sum up as Near Normal for the month. Users are advised to follow short and medium-range forecasts of BMD to keep track of extreme weather events. This outlook will be updated in the first week of October 2025.