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DAILY FORECAST FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS

VALIDITY: 17TH TO 21ST MARCH 2026

FORECAST ISSUED ON: 16TH MARCH 2026

SUMMARY:

- **Rainfall is expected to continue in several parts of the country.**
- **Isolated heavy rainfall events are likely to occur in some parts of the Highlands East and West of the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin, the Rift Valley and the Coast.**

REGION	Time and Temperature	TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2026	WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2026	THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026	FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026	SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026
The Highlands West of the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin, and the Rift Valley (<i>Siaya, Kisumu, Homabay, Migori, Kisii, Nyamira, Trans Nzoia, Baringo, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, Nakuru, Narok, Kericho, Bomet, Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, Busia and West Pokot Counties</i>)	<i>Morning</i>	Sunny intervals.	A chance of rains over few places.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Showers and thunderstorms over few places.	Showers and thunderstorms over several places.			
	<i>Night</i>	A chance of showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Showers over several places.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.
	<i>Maximum Temperatures</i>	30°C	30°C	29°C	28°C	28°C
	<i>Minimum Temperatures</i>	13°C	13°C	14°C	13°C	11°C

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North-western (Turkana and Samburu Counties)	<i>Morning</i>	Sunny intervals.	A chance of rains over few places.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Sunny intervals.	Sunny intervals.	A chance of showers and thunderstorms over few places.	Showers and thunderstorms over few places.	Showers and thunderstorms over few places.
	<i>Night</i>	Partly cloudy.	A chance of showers and thunderstorms over few places.	A chance of showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	A chance of showers over few places.
	<i>Maximum Temperatures</i>	37°C	37°C	36°C	36°C	36°C
	<i>Minimum Temperatures</i>	15°C	15°C	14°C	14°C	15°C
Highlands East of the Rift Valley (Nyandarua, Laikipia, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Kiambu, Meru, Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Nairobi Counties)	<i>Morning</i>	Sunny intervals.	Cloudy into sunny intervals.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Showers and thunderstorms over few places.	Showers over few places.	Showers and thunderstorms over several areas.	Showers and thunderstorms over several areas.	Showers over few places.
	<i>Night</i>	A chance of showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few areas.	Showers over few places.
	<i>Maximum Temperatures</i>	28°C	28°C	28°C	27°C	27°C
	<i>Minimum Temperatures</i>	10°C	11°C	10°C	11°C	09°C
North-eastern (Marsabit, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa and Isiolo Counties)	<i>Morning</i>	Sunny intervals.	Sunny intervals.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Sunny intervals.	Sunny intervals.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	A chance of showers over few places.
	<i>Night</i>	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	A chance of showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Partly cloudy.
	<i>Maximum Temperatures</i>	38°C	38°C	38°C	37°C	37°C

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	<i>Minimum Temperatures</i>	17°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C
South-eastern lowlands (<i>Kitui, Makueni, Machakos, Kajiado and Taita Taveta Counties as well as inland parts of Tana River County</i>)	<i>Morning</i>	Sunny intervals.	Sunny intervals.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.	Rains over few places.
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Showers and thunderstorms over few places.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Showers over several places	Showers over few places.
	<i>Night</i>	Partly cloudy.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	A chance of showers over few places.
	<i>Maximum Temperatures</i>	32°C	31°C	31°C	30°C	30°C
	<i>Minimum Temperatures</i>	15°C	15°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
Coast (<i>Mombasa, Kilifi, Lamu and Kwale Counties as well as the Tana Delta</i>)	<i>Morning</i>	Showers over few places.	Sunny intervals.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	A chance of showers over few places.
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Showers and thunderstorms over few places.	A chance of showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places	Showers over few places.
	<i>Night</i>	Partly cloudy.	A chance of showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	A chance of showers over few places.	Partly cloudy.
	<i>Maximum Temperatures</i>	33°C	33°C	33°C	34°C	32°C
	<i>Minimum Temperatures</i>	25°C	25°C	24°C	24°C	24°C

N.B: This forecast should be used in conjunction with the daily (24-hour) forecast issued by this Department. County specific forecasts are available from the offices of respective County Directors of Meteorological Services.

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APPENDIX I: INTERPRETATION OF TERMS USED

<i>Term</i>	<i>Rainfall Amount (24 hrs.)</i>	<i>Description</i>
Light	< 5 mm	Gentle rain, drizzle.
Moderate	5–20 mm	Steady, noticeable rain.
Heavy	21–50 mm	Intense rain, possible thunder.
Very Heavy	> 50 mm	Prolonged rain.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Area Affected</i>	<i>Description</i>
Few places	< 33%	Rain in a small portion of the region.
Several places	33% to 66%	Rain in multiple but not most parts of the region.
Most places	> 66%	Rain in nearly all parts of the region.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Area Affected</i>	<i>Description</i>
Isolated	Less than 25%	Very few areas affected.
Scattered	25–50%	Several, but not most, areas affected.
Numerous	51–70%	Many areas affected.
Widespread	Over 70%	Almost all areas affected.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Time Coverage (%)</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Occasional	Less than 25%	Happens rarely or a few times.
Intermittent	25% – 50%	Starts and stops, comes and goes.
Frequent	51% – 75%	Occurs regularly.
Very Frequent / Common	More than 75%	Happens almost all the time.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Probability of Occurrence</i>	<i>Description</i>
Possible	10–30%	There is low confidence.
Chance of/ May	31–50%	There is moderate confidence.
Likely	51–75%	The event is more probable than not.
Expected	76–90%	There is high confidence.
Very Likely	91–99%	There is very high confidence. Almost certain.
Certain	100%	The event is guaranteed to occur.

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