

Tuesday, 22 October 2024

HOAX WEATHER MESSAGE DOING THE ROUNDS

WEATHER WARNING ⚠
LATE ALERT ⚠⚠

South African weather services have issued a late warning of a serious storm that will hit the Nelson Mandela Bay areas around 3pm this afternoon.

Residents are asked to stay indoors until the storm has passed.

Companies are urged to close before 13:00pm, all schools in the Nelson Mandela Bay area are requested to close before 12pm this afternoon.

Road users are requested to stay off the roads from 14:30pm.

If you can't get away in time from work, please stay indoors until the storm has passed.

FALSE!



A hoax message has been making rounds, claiming that there will be a serious storm that will hit the Nelson Mandela Bay areas around 3pm today. This statement is **false**, and it is **misleading**.

A good chance of showers and rain (80%) is expected over Nelson Mandela Bay Metro today (22 October 2024), but the intensity of the rain is expected to become light from the afternoon.

We are **not** expecting more than 20mm for the rest of the day. There's an orange level 6 warning for disruptive rain for the Metro, which is valid for the rest of the day, due to the significant amounts of rainfall already received. Although this is the case, other portions of the Eastern Cape coast may get heavy downpours particularly between Buffalo City Metro and Mquma LM from this afternoon.

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The public is urged to refrain from sharing this false statement and spreading misinformation. The South African Weather Service is the authoritative voice of weather and severe weather alerts. As such, official warnings are published on all social media platforms as well as on the website www.weathersa.co.za.

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