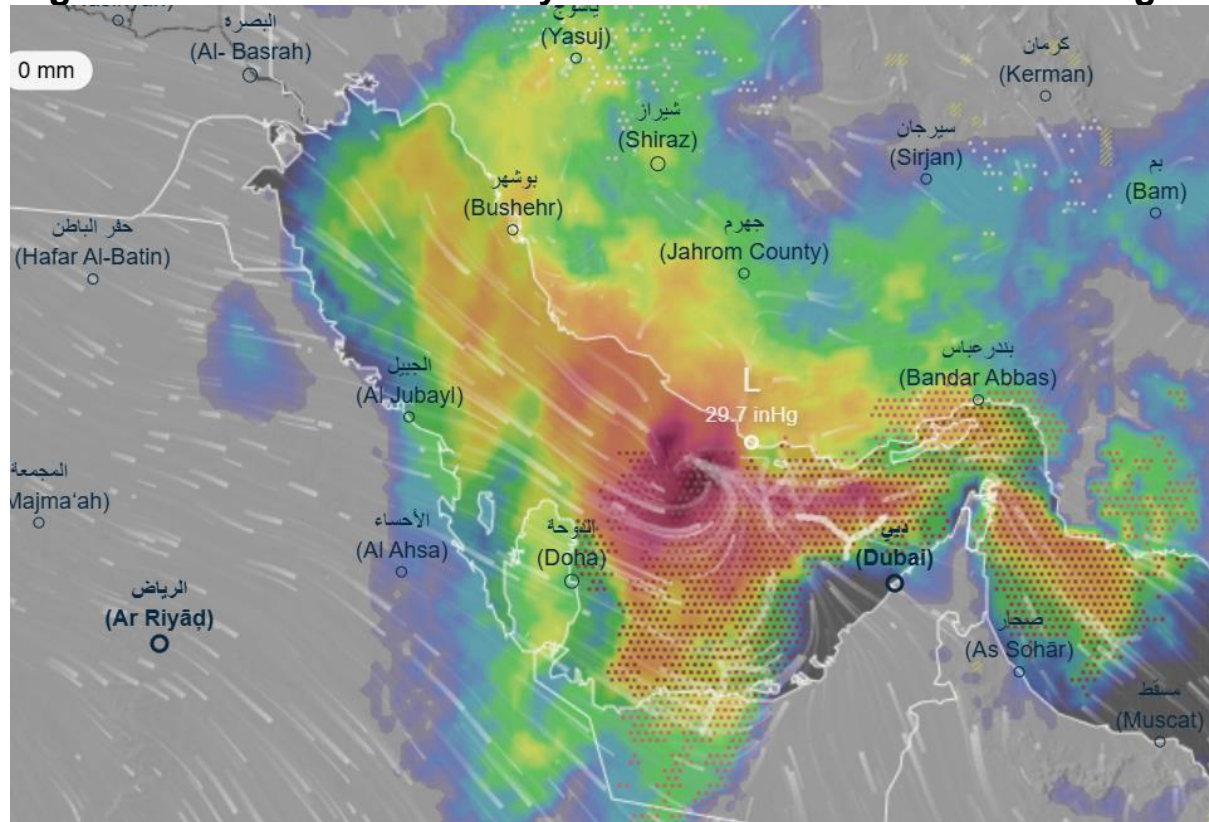




## High Risk of Floods and Heavy Rainfall Across Arabian Gulf Region



Valid: 18–21 December 2025

### Affected Areas

Eastern Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, southwestern Iran; central/northern Saudi Arabia (Tabuk, Hail, Qassim, northern Riyadh regions).

### Hazard Types

Flash floods, intense thunderstorms with hail/gusty winds, snowfall in central highlands, rough seas in Arabian Gulf.

### Hazard Summary

Deep low-pressure system north of Arabian Gulf combines with southward cold polar air mass, driving repeated heavy thunderstorms and rainfall across eastern/coastal zones while bringing snowfall to central highlands. Intense rain bands (20–60+ mm in hours) are occurring Thursday night–Friday over UAE/eastern Saudi, shifting east to Qatar/Bahrain/Kuwait through Saturday. Arid terrain and limited urban drainage increase sudden flash flood danger; gusty winds may lower visibility and stir dust.