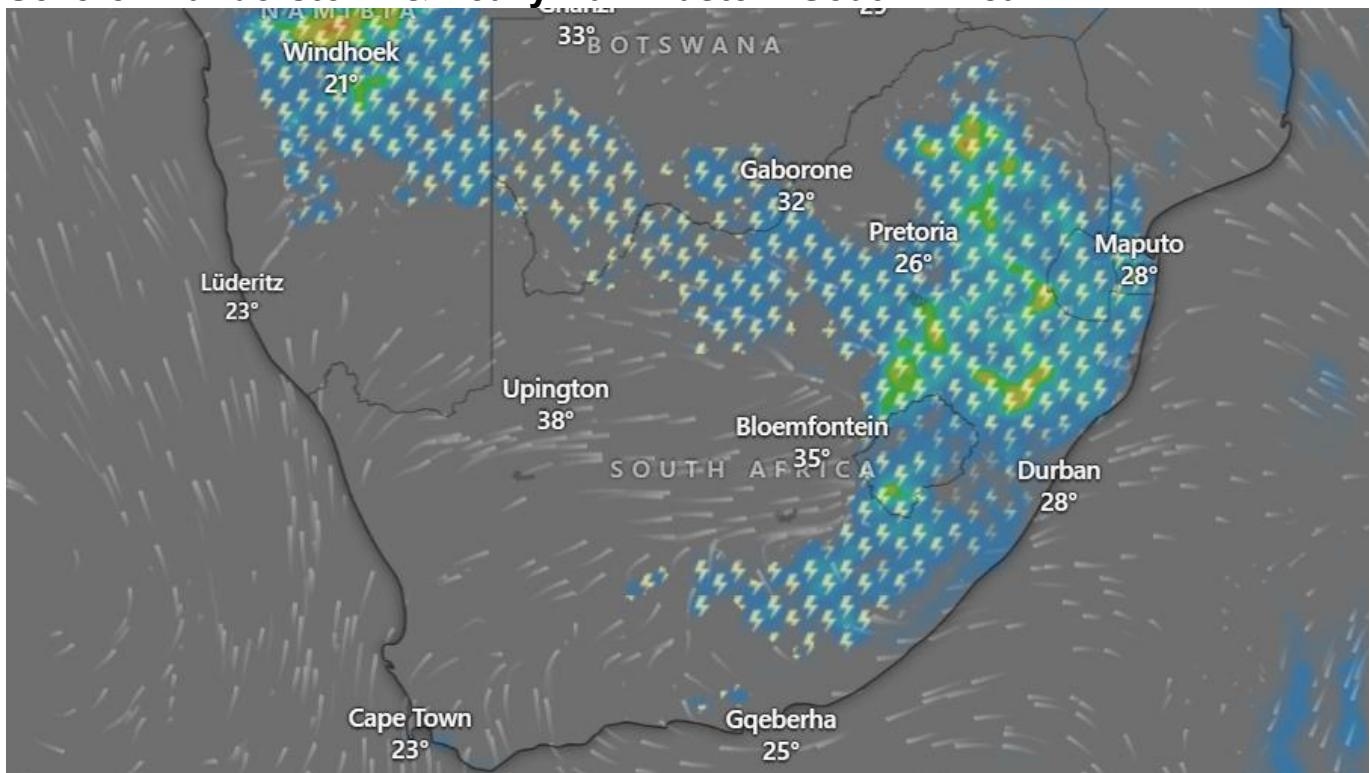




Severe Thunderstorm & Heavy Rain Eastern South Africa



Valid: From 31 January 2026 to 05 February 2026

Affected Areas

Eastern South Africa including KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, eastern Free State, and eastern interior regions extending toward the Mozambique border.

Hazard Types

Severe Thunderstorms, Heavy Rainfall, Flash Flooding.

Hazard Summary

A moisture-laden system originating from the Southwest Indian Ocean tropical circulation is moving toward eastern South Africa. Global meteorological models indicate increasing convective storm activity driven by strong Indian Ocean moisture inflow, high surface temperatures (24–30°C), and atmospheric instability ahead of the tropical system. Conditions favor severe thunderstorms, heavy rainfall, lightning, and localized flash flooding across the region.