



JUBA RIVER – CLIMATE UPDATE AND RIVERINE FLOOD RISK ADVISORY (DIGNIIN)

Deyr 2026 Flood Advisory No. 2 | Date: 13 October 2026 | Location: Gedo, Middle Juba and Lower Juba – Dollow, Luuq, Garbahaarey, Bardhere, Saakow, Bu'aale, Jilib and Jamaame districts

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Observed Rainfall

Moderate to heavy rains have fallen over the upper Juba catchment in the Ethiopian highlands since the start of October. Satellite estimates for 1–11 October show 50–100 mm over large parts of the upper catchment, more than is normal for this time of year. Much heavier rain (100–500 mm) fell over central Somalia, while Gedo and the Kenyan part of the catchment received light rain.

River levels

After a sharp rise over the past week, the level at **Dollow** peaked at 4.46 m yesterday, only 4 cm below the moderate flood risk level (4.50 m), and has since **dropped sharply by 1.32 m to 3.14 m today**. This peak is now moving downstream. At **Luuq**, the level rose slightly to 4.12 m today, 1.38 m below the moderate flood risk level (5.50 m).

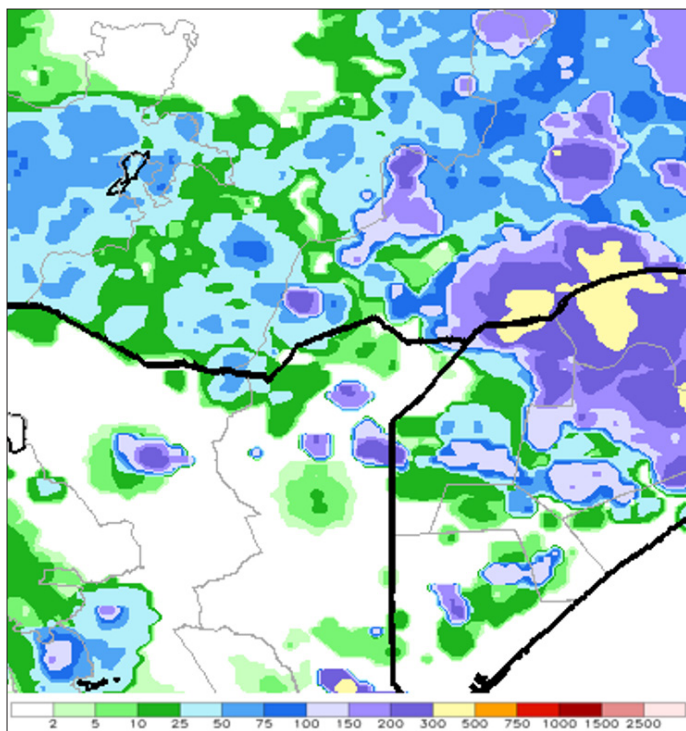
Station	12 Oct (m)	24-h change	Since 5 Oct	Moderate (m)	High (m)	Bankfull (m)	Status today
Dollow	3.14	–1.32	+0.68	4.50	5.00	6.00	1.36 m below moderate (falling)
Luuq	4.12	+0.02	+1.80	5.50	6.00	7.00	1.38 m below moderate

Rainfall forecast for the coming week (13–19 October) and outlook

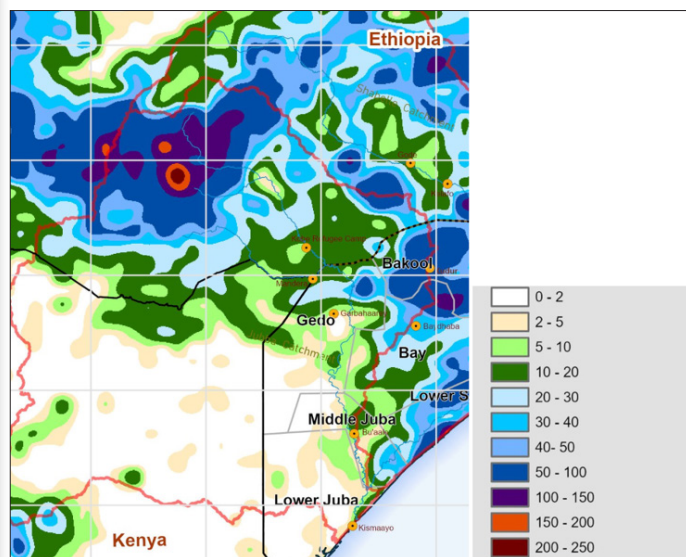
Moderate rains are forecast over the upper Juba catchment in the Ethiopian highlands: 50–100 mm over about a third of the area, with heavier falls of 100–250 mm over small areas of the headwaters. Elsewhere in the catchment rains will be mostly light, with isolated moderate falls (up to 50 mm) around Luuq and in parts of Middle Juba. Today, mostly light rain (10–30 mm) is expected over the upper catchment.

The peak seen at Dollow will travel downstream: the level at **Luuq is likely to rise in the coming days but is not expected to reach its moderate flood risk level**. Dollow may rise again later in the week as runoff from the forecast rains over the Ethiopian highlands arrives. The higher flows will then reach Bardhere, Saakow, Bu'aale, Jilib and Jamaame over the following days, where low-lying riverbanks, farms and canal intakes remain exposed.

- There is therefore a **REDUCED BUT CONTINUING RISK OF FLOODING at Dollow, RISING RIVER LEVELS at Luuq**, as the peak moves downstream, and a **CONTINUING RISK downstream from Bardhere to Bu'aale, Jilib and Jamaame**.
- The Government of Somalia, through the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA), has officially activated the readiness phase for both riverine and flash floods, effective immediately, across all locations covered by the agreed Anticipatory Action (AA) arrangements.
- Flood contingency plans should remain on standby at Dollow, Luuq and in the downstream districts.



Observed rainfall 1–11 Oct 2026 (mm, satellite ARC2)



Forecast rainfall 13–19 Oct 2026 (mm, GFS)

TAKING EARLY ACTION SAVES LIVES

- **Dollow and Luuq:** river levels can rise again quickly. Keep livestock, food stocks, seed and farm equipment away from the riverbanks, and agree safe routes to high ground.
- **Bardhere to Bu'aale, Jilib and Jamaame:** follow river level readings upstream at Dollow and Luuq and SWALIM advisories closely. Check and reinforce weak riverbanks and canal intakes now.
- **Farmers:** avoid planting on low-lying riverbank land this week and harvest mature crops close to the river.
- Do not cross the river or flooded areas on foot, by vehicle or by boat. Beware of crocodiles and snakes near flood water. Treat or boil drinking water.
- Stay informed through radio, television, SMS and the internet for flood warnings and updates.

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Next update: Weekly bulletin tomorrow, Wednesday, 14 October 2026

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