⚠ Harmattan Alert: Dusty Conditions and Reduced Visibility Expected Across Northern Ghana

Urgency: Expected **Severity:** Severe
Certainty: Observed

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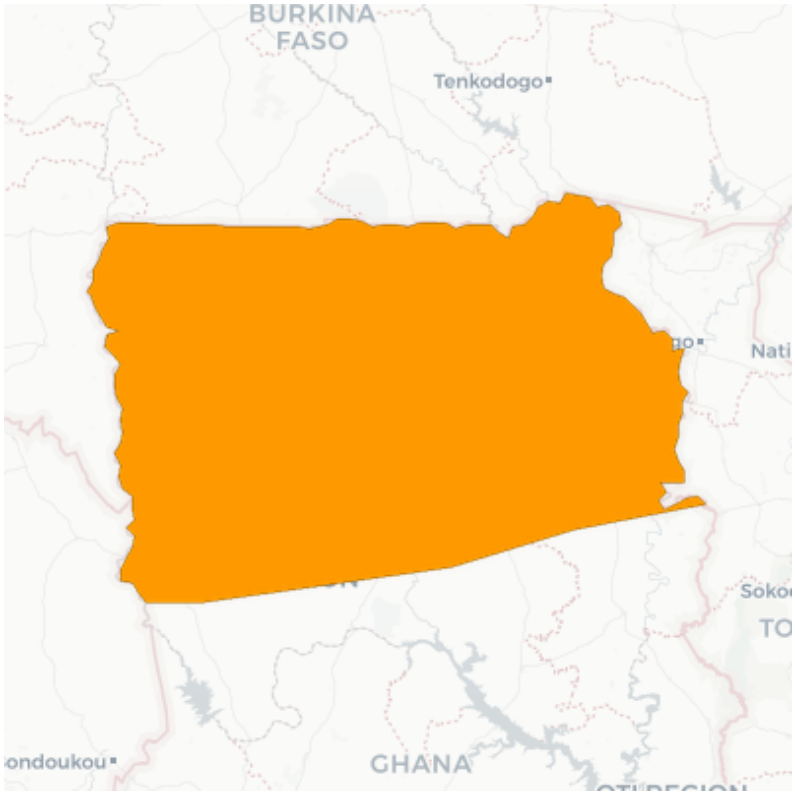

Area:
Upper regions Northeast Northern Savannah

Description:
Harmattan weather is currently spreading into Ghana from northern Benin and Togo. Dust particles that were raised over Chad on Friday are being transported into the country by strong low-level winds. This weather pattern is expected to result in dry and dusty conditions, particularly affecting the upper regions of northern Ghana. Visibility is

forecast to be significantly reduced, ranging between 2000 meters and 6000 meters across the affected areas. These conditions will be accompanied by very dry air, with relative humidity expected to drop to between 20% and 40% during daytime hours, rising slightly to between 40% and 60% percent during the night. The combination of dust-laden air and low humidity levels will create challenging environmental conditions for residents in the northern parts of the country.

Instruction:

Individuals with respiratory conditions such as asthma or other breathing difficulties should limit outdoor activities and ensure they have their prescribed medications readily available. Those without pre-existing conditions should also minimize prolonged outdoor exposure when dust concentrations are high. Due to reduced visibility conditions, motorists are urged to exercise extreme caution while driving. Headlights should be used appropriately, speeds should be reduced, and safe following distances must be maintained. To protect against the dry conditions, residents should stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day. Moisturizers should be applied to the skin to prevent excessive dryness and cracking. When outdoor activities are unavoidable, consider wearing protective face masks and eye protection to reduce exposure to airborne dust particles.