

18 July 2014: China, Vietnam - Tropical Cyclone RAMMASUN



SITUATION

- Typhoon RAMMASUN made landfall in north-eastern Hainan, in the morning of 18 July, UTC. Previously, at 6.00 UTC, its maximum sustained wind speed was 249km/h (a "Super Typhoon" according to China Meteorological Administration - CMA).
- After landfall, RAMMASUN is expected to move north-west, over southern Guangdong and Guangxi provinces, losing some of its intensity, but remaining a Typhoon for the following 24h. Then, it is forecast to move inland, over north-eastern Vietnam, weakening further.
- Heavy rainfall, strong winds and high storm surge are expected to affect the areas along the Typhoon's path. The CMA has a Red Warning for Typhoon and an Orange Warning for Rainstorm in effect for Hainan, south-western Guangdong and south-eastern Guangxi. JRC calculations indicate a possible storm surge of the order of 3-4m in the area near Leizhou and Dongli (Guangdong) on 18 July late morning to afternoon, UTC.
- As of the afternoon of 18 July (UTC), media report one death and over 70 000 people to have evacuated their homes in Hainan. Many houses have been damaged and air, sea and rail traffic has been suspended.

Impact of RAMMASUN in the Philippines

- According to the latest NDRRMC report (18 July, 16.00 local time), the death toll has increased to 64 people, while over 525 000 are currently hosted in evacuation centres. Eight provinces and 65 municipalities/cities are still without electricity.

Sources:
GDACS (1, 2), JTWC (1, 2), CMA (1, 2, 3, 4), Vietnamese NMS, Local Media (1, 2), NDRRMC, WMO