

# **Typhoon Usagi Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release**

Cabinet Strategy Group

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## **Usagi Heads West – Constant Vigilance is Imperative**

Moderate Typhoon Usagi is currently located at sea 150km southwest of Eluanbi, the Category 4 storm has a storm radius of 280km and Category 5 storm has a storm radius of 120km. It is moving in a west north-west to west direction at a speed of 19km/h. The storm center still covers the Hengchun Peninsula, eastern, southeastern, central, southern Taiwan and Penghu. Rain and wind is reported throughout Taiwan. The typhoon's intensity is expected to decrease along with the storm center. Currently land alert is issued for Lanyu, Lyudao, Taitung, Hengchun Peninsula, Pingtung, Hualien, Kaohsiung, Tainan, Nantou, Chiayi, Yunlin, Penghu and Kinmen, therefore precaution should be taken against strong wind and heavy rain. Rainfall alert is issued for Yilan, please remain vigilant.

Currently, nine people injured are all Kinmen citizens; 3,349 people were evacuated, 62 shelters were established to accommodate 1,388 people; seven public road sections were damaged, of which four have been repaired and three are still under emergency repairs; six road sections were closed preventively; there are still 37,587 households without power in Pingtung County, Taitung County and Hualien County, while 4,610 families in Pingtung County and Taitung County are without water, emergency repairs are underway; 20 debris-flow-prone streams are under red alert and 534 debris-flow-prone streams are under yellow alert; nine reservoirs are undergoing flood discharge. In terms of disaster rescue human

resources, a total of 9,578 persons from the armed forces, fire departments, volunteer firefighters, civil rescue organizations, police departments, volunteer police and civil defense organizations were deployed.

After listening to reports from various departments, Commander and Minister Lee Hung-yuan indicated that rain and wind will continue after dark today and into tomorrow morning, he urged various disaster prevention and rescue organizations to heighten vigilance and monitor the disaster situation at all times. Commander Lee also instructed the following:

1. COA has issued yellow and red alerts for debris-flow-prone streams. Please continue to monitor the rainfall condition and prevent disaster on slopelands. Furthermore, evacuations should be implemented promptly.
2. The storm center still looms over southeastern and southern Taiwan. After the typhoon leaves Taiwan tomorrow, Electricity and Life Support Division is requested to contact various public sector organizations to conduct repairs as soon as possible for households without power.
3. Tomorrow is the last day of the long holiday weekend; in response to the needs of the public returning home, MOTC is requested to continue announcing relevant plans and contingency measures to the public through multiple channels.