

Typhoon Usagi Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release

Cabinet Strategy Group

Severe typhoon Usagi Approaching Taiwan – Beware of Wind, Rain and Respond Accordingly

Severe typhoon Usagi is currently located at sea 150km south south-east 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 along the south edge of the Pacific High in a west north-westerly direction towards sea surface south of Taiwan at a speed of 19km/h. The storm center has covered southern Taiwan. The Category 4 storm radius made landfall at 01:00 this morning (September 21), while the Category 5 storm radius is expected to enter southern Taiwan at 14:00 this afternoon. Heavy rainfall is currently focused in Hualien and Taitung, with some areas reporting rainfall of more than 60mm. Wind gusts have caused power outage in over 20,000 households, with nearly 10,000 households still without power at the moment.

According to forecasts of the typhoon's future trend, rainfall and wind are concentrated between this morning and tomorrow, Commander of CEOC and Minister of the Interior Lee Hung-yuan urged various departments to heighten vigilance and do not take the typhoon lightly. He also pointed out the following:

1. Heavy rainfall is exhibited in eastern Taiwan, and COA has continued to issue yellow alert for 388 debris-flow-prone streams across five municipalities. All departments are to continue monitor rainfall in debris-flow-prone areas and areas prone to isolation due to the typhoon disaster. Furthermore, if red alert is issued for debris-flow-prone streams, please supervise the municipalities to implement evacuations promptly.
2. There is a possibility for gusts in Taitung, Hualien and Pingtung today, currently there are over 10,000 households without power, please notify local

municipalities to monitor lifeline damages caused by the strong wind. In addition, Electricity and Life Support Division is requested to contact various public sector organizations to conduct repairs as soon as possible, particularly home care institutes, which should be considered as priority.

3. In the past, disaster casualties were often caused by people going outside during the typhoon. All levels of the government are to continue informing the public not to go out during the typhoon in order to avoid unnecessary casualties.
4. Ten reservoirs throughout Taiwan are constantly undergoing flood discharge, please notify residents in the downstream river basins to pay attention to safety.