

Typhoon Usagi Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release

Cabinet Strategy Group

Continue to Monitor the Typhoon's Trajectory – Maintain Alert for Various Disaster Prevention and Rescue Measures

Moderate Typhoon Usagi is currently located at sea 120km south south-west 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. According to forecast, the Category 4 storm center will leave Taiwan at 08:00 tomorrow (September 22).

So far, the typhoon has injured six people, caused interruptions to three road sections, power outage to 45,618 homes and left 5,210 households without water. Furthermore, 53 mobile phone base stations are out of order. Road conditions and debris-flow-prone stream alerts are as below:

1. Preventive road closure: Taimali, Taitung (Provincial Highway No.9, 413.5k mark and 417k mark); Daren, Taitung (Provincial Highway No.9, 407k mark); Datong, Yilan (Yilan County Highway No.51, 12k mark); Xiulin, Hualien (Provincial Highway No.8, 116.5k and 169.1k mark); Linbian, Pingtung (National Highway No.3, 431.5k mark); Fuxin, Taoyuan (Provincial Highway No.7, 28.6k mark); Taoyuan, Kaohsiung (Provincial Highway No.20, 97k mark), totaling ten road sections.
2. Debris-flow-prone stream alert: 18 red alert streams, located in Datong Township, Yilan County and Laiyi Township, Pingtung County; 512 yellow alert streams dispersed in 36 townships and towns of seven municipalities. In particular, 3,075 people were evacuated and 1,043 people were sheltered.

According to forecasts of the typhoon's future trend, rainfall and wind are concentrated between this afternoon and tomorrow, Commander of CEOC and Minister of the Interior Lee Hung-yuan instructed that Yilan, Hualien, Taitung and Pingtung are key protection areas. He also urged various departments to heighten vigilance:

1. COA has issued red alert for debris-flow-prone streams, please urge Yilan County and Pingtung County to execute evacuations promptly. In addition, the Health and Welfare Division must continue to pay attention to people in the shelters and assist local municipalities to implement sheltering and materials supply operations.
2. The storm center has entered south eastern and southern Taiwan, causing gusts of ten and above, Electricity and Life Support Division is requested to contact various public sector organizations to conduct repairs as soon as possible. All frontline workers are reminded to beware of safety.
3. Currently, there are interruptions in railroad, air and marine transportations. In response to the needs of the public coming out of the long weekend in returning to work, MOTC is requested to continue announcing relevant notices through multiple channels. In addition, plans and contingency measures should be implemented to facilitate passenger transportation.