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Central Emergency Operations Center Typhoon Fung-Wong Press Release

Cabinet Strategy Group

Typhoon Fung-Wong Set to Make Landfall

Every Level of Government Needs to be on High Alert

Central Weather Bureau (CWB) data shows that the center of the typhoon was over the sea about 40 kilometers to WSW of Eluanbi at 08:00 on September 21. The center will make landfall in Pingtung County and wind and rain will intensify all across Taiwan.

Central Emergency Operations Center Commander, Minister of the Interior Chen Wei-zen, called the fourth work meeting at 09:00 today (21) and stated, according to data analysis by the CWB and National Science & Technology Center for Disaster Reduction and other units, that Typhoon Fung-wong will affect all of Taiwan, with most rainfall falling in mountain areas. At present, a relatively large number of people have been preventively evacuated in Kaohsiung City, Pingtung County, Hualien County and Taitung County, while in other cities/counties where the wind is still not very strong and rain not heavy, few people have gone to shelters. He said that preventive evacuation of people living in places at risk of debris flow in areas in the path of the typhoon still needs to be carried out and that local governments must not let down their guard.

With respect to the ship that was adrift off Jialeshui in Pingtung, the commander instructed the MOTC to keep Pingtung's deputy magistrate Chung updated with information relating to the ship as it is obtained, to keep on closely monitor the ship's situation and to also promptly explain the handling situation publicly so that the public know what's going on. He also reminded all disaster prevention and rescue units to remain vigilant and take care so as to see this typhoon through safely.