

Typhoon Talim Press Release from the Central Emergency Operation Center

Cabinet strategy group

Typhoon Talim Speeds up Disaster Prevention Preparations Need to be Redoubled

The Central Weather Bureau said at 9:15 am this morning (June 20th) that the center of Typhoon Talim is at present over the sea west southwest of Penghu and is moving quickly northeast, already presenting a threat to Penghu, Kinmen, Mazu and all parts of Taiwan; it is expected that the speed it is moving will increase and wind and rain will gradually intensify. Affected by the typhoon and a southwestern air current, this morning (20), the area south of Taichung to Pingtung has a chance of extremely heavy rain or torrential rain, there is a chance of heavy rain or extremely heavy rain to the north of Miaoli and in the Taitung area, while there is a chance of heavy rain or extremely heavy rain across other areas of Taiwan and in Penghu, Kinmen, and Mazu.

The Commander of the Central Emergency Operation Center, Interior Minister Lee Hong-yuan, instructed during the Center's 5th work report meeting that information from the information evaluation meeting should be immediately sent to directly-controlled municipality/city/county government emergency operation centers to serve as reference for government decision making and reminded local governments that forced evacuation of residents from areas that are prone to being cut off should be carried out when necessary. The typhoon situation should be followed closely, attention paid to disaster report verification and disaster information quickly passed to the media for dissemination (providing images when necessary). With regards to the deployment of manpower and machines in north, central and south Taiwan, allocation can be adjusted flexibly in accordance with the disaster situation. A grasp of the mountain evacuation situation should be maintained and transport and shelters prepared for the evacuation of people from easily-flooded low-lying areas. Mudflow and landslide alerts and reservoir water release information should be initiatively provided to local government and the media. Reports of a barrier lake in the media this morning should be checked immediately and the report should be clarified if it was mistaken.

The Central Emergency Operation Center reiterated that the storm circle is gradually approaching Penghu and Kinmen and, affected by the typhoon and the southwestern air current, there will be extremely heavy or torrential rain all across Taiwan. People are asked to stay at home unless it is necessary to go out to avoid danger, to stay away from mountains, the sea and rivers and other restricted areas unless necessary and to carry out typhoon preparations effectively.