

Typhoon Talim Press Release from the Central Emergency Operating Center

Cabinet strategy group

Weak Typhoon — Typhoon Talim Approaches The Public Asked to be Alert

The eye of weak typhoon Talim is currently approximately 900 kilometers west southwest of Cape Eluanpi and moving slowly towards Taiwan. To prepare for any eventuality, the Disaster Prevention and Protection Office, the Executive Yuan held an information evaluation meeting involving various related departments at 10am on June 18th and the Central Disaster Emergency Operation Center was established at 3:30 pm; its commander, Interior Minister Lee Hong-yuan, convened the first report meeting at 4:30pm and instructed that related disaster prevention preparations be carried out.

According to the latest weather information from the Central Weather Bureau, it is estimated that a sea typhoon warning will be issued for Typhoon Talim later in the evening of the 18th or the early morning of the 19th; it is estimated that the typhoon will join with the southwestern air current and will bring rainfall of 1200mm~1500mm or even higher, that its effects will last until June 22nd and that the affected area will include the whole of main island Taiwan and its outlying islands. The Disaster Prevention and Protection Office, the Executive Yuan held an information evaluation meeting at 10am on the 18th and decided that the Disaster Emergency Operation Center would be established at 3:30pm that afternoon, requested that all related departments instruct subsidiary units to strengthen preparatory work, and also instructing local government in writing to strengthen disaster prevention preparatory measures.

The Commander of the Disaster Emergency Operation Center, Interior Minister Lee Hong-yuan, called its first report meeting at 4:30pm, instructing the Central Weather Bureau and the National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR) to continue monitoring the development of the typhoon and provide immediate and accurate information for the reference of local government, and also called on the media to publicize the government's typhoon disaster prevention guidelines.

The Council of Agriculture has been instructed to monitor the amount of rainfall and pay close attention to the issuing of landslide warnings and the supply of fruit and vegetables, implementing commodity price stabilization measures when necessary, and to ensure that fishermen on boats in the danger zone take shelter in advance and that scenic areas and forest recreation areas are closed to the public in advance. The Ministry of Transport & Communications has prepared repair machinery and personnel; roads under repair should be subject to preventive controls; if ferries

serving outlying islands have to stop sailing the news should be issued through the media to inform the public. The Ministry of Economic Affairs has been instructed to effectively issue reservoir water release and river warnings, carry out flood mitigation resource preparations, deploy pumping machines in advance and instruct local government to implement preventive evacuation measures before the typhoon strikes. 1,157 people who had to leave their homes as a result of the June 10th floods are still living in shelters; local governments are asked to comfort these people and provide the people in cut-off areas with supplies.

The Disaster Emergency Operation Center said that the June 10th flood disaster left the soil in the mountains of the central and southern Taiwan saturated and urged the public to pay attention to the latest typhoon information, to remain vigilant and effectively carry out preparatory work in advance and to cooperate with the government's various preventive evacuation and control measures. Disaster prevention and rescue personnel at every level of central and local government will continue to monitor the typhoon's movement and strengthen disaster prevention and rescue preparatory work to reduce losses to a minimum.