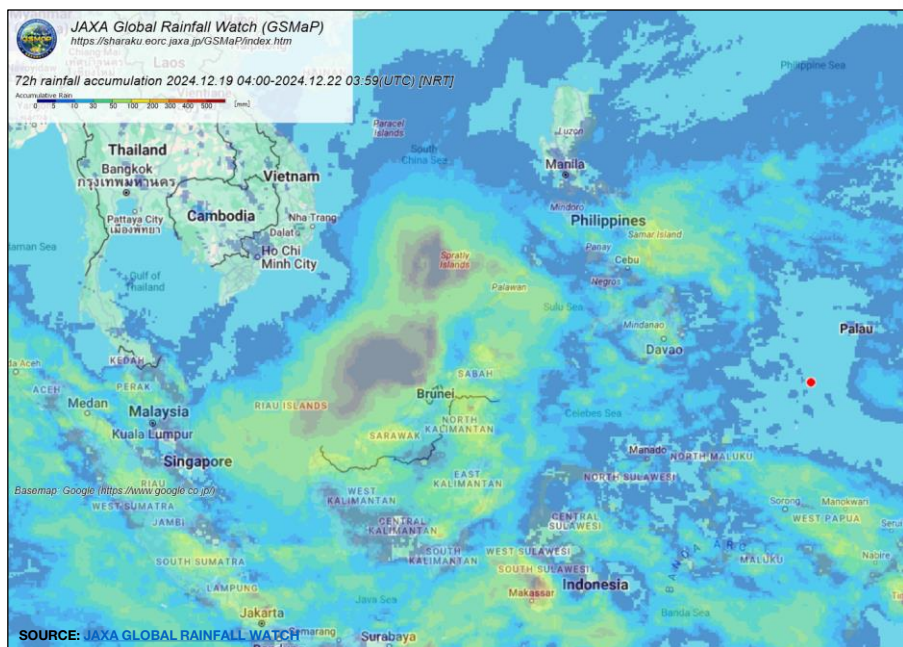
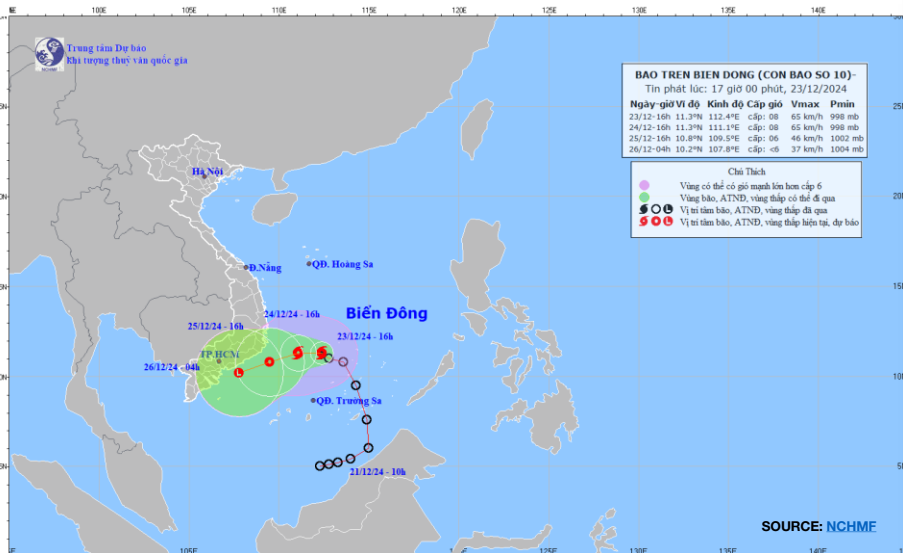


MONDAY
23 DECEMBER 2024
1900 HRS UTC +7

TROPICAL CYCLONE PABUK

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, AND VIET NAM

FLASH UPDATE #1



Heavy rainfall have been observed over Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia (Sarawak) and Philippines (MIMAROPA) in the last 72 hours as Tropical Depression 28W, now TC PABUK, developed over the waters in these areas. (Source: JAXA)

- **OVERVIEW:** In the afternoon of 23 December, Tropical Depression 28W, located northwest of the Truong Sa Archipelago, intensified into Tropical Storm "PABUK." Previously INVEST 98W, the system moved northeast toward the waters north of Sarawak, Malaysia, passed over the sea north of Brunei Darussalam, and then curved north-northwest into the West Philippine Sea. It continued to develop as it shifted westward toward the Viet Nam East Sea. According to [NCHMF](#), at 1600 HRS UTC+7, the centre of the TC PABUK was located at about 11.3 N, 112.4 E in the northwest area of Truong Sa archipelago.
 - **STRENGTH & MOVEMENT:** According to [NCHMF](#):
 - Maximum sustained winds of 62-74 km/h near the centre and gustiness of up to level 10
 - Moving west northwest at 5-10 km/h
 - **FORECAST:** According to [NCHMF](#),
 - In the next 24 hours, PABUK is forecast to move westward at 5-10 km/h with level 8 winds and gusts up to level 10 on the southwestern sea of the Central East Sea.
 - In the next 48 hours, it will move west southwest at 5-10km, gradually weakening into a tropical depression on the sea from Phu Yen to Ba Ria-Vung Tau.
 - In the next 60 hours, it will continue moving west southwest at 10-15 km/h and gradually weakening into a low pressure area on the sea from Binh Thuan to Tra Vinh.
 - **HAZARDS:**
 - Brunei Darussalam** – [BDMD](#) released an advisory on occasional heavy showers with risk of flash flood at low-lying and flood prone areas.
 - Malaysia** – According to [JMM](#), rain and thunderstorms are expected in several areas in Sabah and Sarawak.
 - Philippines** – According to [PAGASA](#), severe winds and rough seas will persist in the coasts and waters of northern and western Luzon.
 - Viet Nam** – [NCHMF](#) cautions of strong winds, rough seas, and high waves in the sea area from Phu Yen to Ba Ria-Vung Tau (including Phu Quy island)
 - **ANTICIPATED RISK:**
 - Viet Nam** – According to DMRS, at most, the winds from TC PABUK may cause small trees to sway in the coastal areas from Qui Nhon to Phan Thiet. At most, 25 mm – 76 mm of rainfall may be expected over the Central and Southern Regions under the influence of TC PABUK.
 - **IMPACTS:**
 - Philippines**
 - Heavy rainfall brought by TC PABUK resulted to flooding in MIMAROPA Region. As of 23 December, the [DSWD](#) recorded 36.9K affected persons (12.2K families) in Oriental Mindoro and Palawan, including Puerto Princesa City and Kalayaan Islands. Of these, 799 have been displaced and 610 are being served in 8 evacuation centres.
 - **PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE:**
 - Brunei Darussalam**
 - The [BDMD](#) closely monitors and releases advisories about risks associated with heavy rainfall and gusty thunderstorms.
 - Malaysia**
 - [JMM](#) closely monitors and releases regular updates and advisories on the weather situation and risks of heavy rainfall and thunderstorms.
 - Philippines**
 - [PAGASA](#) released Tropical Cyclone Bulletins and conducted press briefings related to the tropical disturbance.
 - The [NDRRMC](#) and relevant authorities have immediately responded to the flooding in affected regions and provided support to the affected and displaced population.
 - Viet Nam**
 - [NCHMF](#) closely monitors and releases regular updates and advisories about the weather situation.
 - On 21 December, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development issued Official Dispatch No. 9764/CD-BNN-DD on responding to tropical depression in the East Sea. The [VDDMA](#) organizes a serious duty shift (24/7); monitors and transfers disaster forecasts and warnings to localities for proactive prevention and response.
- The AHA Centre will continue to monitor for further developments and issue necessary updates.

KEY FIGURES

Disclosure(s): The values shown are based on data reported/confirmed by the Philippines' Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the [report for Tropical Cyclone Romina](#) (TD 28W, now TC PABUK) of 23 December 2024.

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DATA SOURCES
 ASEAN Disaster Monitoring & Response System (DMRS);
 Brunei Darussalam: BDMD;
 Malaysia: JMM;
 Philippines: NDRRMC-OC, PAGASA, DSWD;
 Viet Nam: VDDMA, NCHMF;
 Verified news media agencies

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