



SITUATION

- **CHAN-HOM** formed over the north-western Pacific Ocean, in the **Federated States of Micronesia** (F.S.M.), on 30 June. Initially, it moved through Pohnpei State, F.S.M., strengthening into a Tropical Storm.
- On **2 July**, at 13.00 UTC, the Tropical Cyclone's centre was located over open waters, approximately 600km south-east of **Guam**. It was a **Tropical Storm**, with maximum sustained wind speed of 102km/h.
- Over the next **48h**, CHAN-HOM is forecast to move west and gradually turn north-west, towards Guam. It will intensify into a Typhoon and is expected to approach Guam late on 4 or early on 5 July (UTC).
- CHAN-HOM is expected to affect Guam and the inhabited Northern Mariana Islands (Rota, Tinian and Saipan) with **strong winds** and **heavy rainfall** within the next 48h. As of 2 July, midday UTC, a **Typhoon Watch** is in effect for the above islands.
- Local authorities have issued calls for preparation; however, as of 2 July, no evacuations have been reported in the local media.
- Earlier this year, Typhoon **DOLPHIN** passed between Guam and Rota on 15 May, causing minor damage to buildings and the electricity network.

Sources: [GDACS](#), [NOAA \(1, 2, 3\)](#), [NASA](#), [WMO](#), [Local Media \(1, 2\)](#)
DOLPHIN : [GDACS](#), [Media \(1, 2\)](#)