



SITUATION

- Tropical cyclone MALAKAS formed over the north-western Pacific Ocean approximately 50 km south of Guam (USA), on 11 September. On 16 September at 6.00 UTC, its centre was located approximately 350 km south of the Yaeyama group of islands (Okinawa prefecture, Japan), and 340 km south-east of the eastern coasts of Taiwan. It had a maximum sustained wind speed of 167 km/h.
- Over the next 48 hours, it is forecast to continue moving north-west with a slight turn to the north, strengthening. Its centre may move near northern Taiwan and the Yaeyama group of islands (Japan) on 17 September.
- As of 16 September afternoon (UTC), the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration has issued Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal # 1 for the Batanes islands; and the Central Weather Bureau of Taiwan has issued a Sea and Land Typhoon Warning for several eastern, north-western and northern counties. A Red Warning for storm and high waves has been issued for the Yaeyama and Miyako islands by the Japanese Meteorological Agency.
- Southern Taiwan was recently hit by tropical cyclone MERANTI which caused the death of one person, injured over 50 and damaged over 30 buildings.

Sources: GDACS, JTWC, JMA, CWB Taiwan, PAGASA, Local Media

FORECAST: TOTAL ACCUM. RAINFALL 16 -24 SEPTEMBER

