



### SITUATION

- Tropical Cyclone **SARIKA** (named **KAREN** in the Philippines) is **strengthening**, heading towards eastern **Luzon**. On 14 October at 06.00 UTC it had max. sustained winds of 83 km/h (Tropical Storm) and its centre was about 230 km east of Catanduanes.
- Over the next 24 h, it is forecast to become a **Typhoon** and make landfall along the coast of eastern Luzon (possibly in **Aurora** province) on **15 October** evening (UTC), with max. sustained winds of **150-170 km/h**. However, due to its track being close to the coast, Typhoon conditions might start affecting **Catanduanes** and neighboring provinces already late on 14 October.
- Typhoon-force winds could affect up to 12 million people according to GDACS in Luzon on 15-16 October. According to the latest data, **strong winds** (120-160 km/h) and **storm surge** could especially affect the area near **Baler** and **Casiguran** in Aurora province. Moreover **heavy rainfall** (locally > 400 mm) could affect several areas of Luzon (see inset map).
- As of 14 October morning, a Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal #2 is in effect for Catanduanes and South Camarines. The National Operations Centre has been put on Blue Alert and all relevant services are on stand-by.
- After having crossed northern Philippines, it is forecast to move towards southern China/northern Vietnam, still as a Typhoon (see inset map).

**Sources:** GDACS, JTWC, PAGASA, NDRRMC, JMA, NOAA, Media

