

Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for Typhoon KONG-REY

Press Release

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With ongoing aftermath and recovery work, the priority was given to repairing the water, electricity, and transportation systems related to people's livelihood.

Following the lift of the sea warning at 14:30 yesterday (2024/11/01), and the lift of the land warning at 11:30 earlier yesterday, the post-disaster recovery work continued.

This morning, helicopters along with the crew member from the National Airborne Service Corps (NASC) successfully completed the task of 3 echelons of supply replenishments for the Fuxing Tribe in Taoyuan City. In addition, repairs and restoration of the water, electricity, transportation, and communications systems necessary for people's livelihood would continue in Fuxing District in Taiyuan City, Heping District in Taichung City, Jianshi Township in Hsinchu County, and Xiulin Township in Hualien County, as residents there have experienced water shortage, power outage, blockage of roads connecting to other places, and/or lack of supplies. The Council of Indigenous Peoples (COIP) and the Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) were requested to 1) continue to assist with, and grasp, the storage and distribution of supplies and victualling, as well as rush repairs and recovery, in those indigenous areas and other areas prone to becoming isolated; and moreover, to 2) supervise local governments to strengthen inventory-taking and disperse storage of emergency supplies for future disaster prevention and emergency supplies in areas prone to becoming isolated. Meanwhile, indigenous people in the tribe were encouraged to take precautionary evacuation, going to a safe shelter, as a preventive measure. Also, the Council of Indigenous Peoples (COIP) could refer to the resilient community mechanism designed by the Ministry of Interior (MOI) to establish autonomous disaster prevention and response mechanisms for indigenous communities, to enhance the response capabilities of various indigenous areas.

Currently, the Ministry of National Defense (MND) has dispatched 10 underwater personnel

to support Taitung County, who has been clearing damaged fishing gear from the fishing port. As for the media coverage on the *"Double standards applied by the national military forces in disaster relief – For example, 200 military personnel were dispatched for Taipei and over 1,000 for Kaohsiung ..."*, in fact, the size of the national military force dispatched was based on applications from local governments according to their actual needs. Yesterday (on 2024/11/01), a total of 1,659 military personnel were dispatched (including 236 for Taipei City, 258 for New Taipei City, 80 for Taoyuan City, 183 for Yilan County, 40 for Hsinchu County, 130 for Pingtung County, 352 for Hualien County, 180 for Taitung County, and 200 for Lianjiang County); and today (2024/11/02), a total of 1,017 military personnel were dispatched (including 358 for Taipei City, 81 for New Taipei City, 22 for Taoyuan City, 251 for Hualien County, 60 for Taitung County, and 245 for Lianjiang County), to assist with local recovery and reconstruction.

Currently, a total of 10 shelters remained open, accommodating a total of 155 people who could not return home as yet. Local governments were requested to continue to properly provide resettlement and supplies to stabilize people's mind.

Lastly, Deputy Commander HSIAO Huan-Chang, Director-General of the National Fire Agency (NFA) thanked all fellow colleagues from various ministries and councils who have been stationed at the Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for their hard work. Deputy Commander also conveyed the instructions from Commander LIU Shyh-fang that, the Emergency Support Function (ESF) "Lifeline System" and the ESF "Transportation" were requested to complete the rush repair of the water, electricity, transportation, and communications systems related to people's livelihood as soon as possible by the coming Monday before offices resume, hopefully, so as to allow people to return to their normal life.

For the latest typhoon updates and disaster situation, please visit the Facebook fan page of the National Fire Agency (NFA) of the Ministry of the Interior (MOI) at www.facebook.com/NFA999/ and download the e-APP "DISATER TW" for easy inquiry of disaster situations.

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