

Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for Typhoon USAGI

Press Release

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**With the hovering storm circle of Typhoon USAGI,
Central Disaster Response Center called for heightened vigilance.**

According to weather forecast from the Central Weather Administration (CWA), Typhoon USAGI has weakened into a mild typhoon. However, the impact of the typhoon on southern and southeastern Taiwan has been gradually obvious. At 21:00 today (2024/11/15), the #6 Work Briefing was convened at the Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) and presided over by Commander LIU Shyh-Fang, Minister of the Interior (MOI), who instructed that, at 20:00, the storm circle of Typhoon USAGI has made landfall on southern Taiwan, bringing about stronger winds and heavier rains thereon. The National Land Management Administration (NLMA) was requested to supervise all municipal and county (city) governments, especially municipalities and counties, such as Pingtung, Taitung, Kaohsiung, etc., near the path of the typhoon center, to fasten and reinforce various large advertising signboards, construction scaffolds, roadside trees, and telephone poles within their jurisdiction, so as to avoid hazards. The Emergency Support Function (ESF) “News Release” was requested to relentlessly urge populaces to inspect and fix their doors and windows, fasten their flower pots and other items in the balcony, so as to avoid objects from falling and injuring passers-by or vehicles. All ESFs must not neglect their roles and responsibilities, and must fully implement various typhoon prevention preparedness and contingency operations.

As per Deputy Commander LIU, all ministries and councils, and local Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) at all municipal and county (city) governments were requested to continue to implement disaster survey and reporting operations, where there were any casualties due to the typhoon, case report forms must be filled up and uploaded to the Emergency Management Information Cloud (EMIC) system by the local EOCs; and where there were any insufficient disaster relief capacity, requests should be made by the local EOCs immediately to the Central EOC for supporting dispatchment. In addition, five hikers

in Nantou County still could not be got hold of due to poor or no signal in the mountainous area. The ESF “Evacuation” was requested to continue to maintain close contact with the Nantou County Government and update back the handling situation in a timely manner.

Instructed by Commander LIU, the ESF “Transportation” was requested to continue to monitor the situation of disaster-prone roads, while taking relevant warning measures depending on rainfall conditions. For any information related to road obstructions, air flight cancellations, and maritime voyage suspensions, etc., messages should be issued immediately to remind the populaces. In addition, for level-1 and level-2 inundation warning zones in the next 24 hours, the “Lifeline System” was requested to remind local governments, especially Taitung County, Pingtung County, Tainan City, and Kaohsiung City, to complete the preparedness of flood control facilities and the preparation of water pumping equipment as early as possible, and to pay attention to the water levels of each river and the operation of water gates and water pumping stations, in response to post-disaster emergency dispatch; as well as to be mindful for the timing of water discharge from reservoirs and water shunting, and for the measures for pre-warning notification to populaces downstream.

Specially reminded by Commander LIU, at present, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) has issued 16 amber warnings of mudslides for 3 townships in Taitung County (including Taimali Township, Beinan Township, and Jinfeng Township). Due to the impacts of previous Typhoons GAEMI, KRATHON, and KONG-REY, various parts of Taiwan faced a higher risk of secondary disasters. The ESF “Evacuation” and the ESF “Sheltering” were requested to contact local governments to carry out precautionary evacuation, sheltering and resettlement operations in advance as necessary for areas prone to becoming isolated within the local jurisdiction, as well as to better the preparedness of food, drinking water, emergency communications equipment, and power generators in the sheltering locations.

Emphasized by Commander LIU, with the secondary disasters such as landslides brought about by the typhoon, the National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR) and the Central Weather Administration (CWA) were requested to conduct the study and interpretation of the 2-day (2024/11/17 and 2024/11/18 during this weekend) rainfall and disaster potential in the northeastern region, for the reference by all ministries and councils, and local governments. In addition, regarding the vessel "YUZHOU SET-SAIL" grounded, the relevant work has been temporarily suspended due to the loosening of the fixed piles of the bridge crane used for the oil pumping (fuel removal) operations ;

therefore, in consideration of safety, the ESF "Transportation" was requested to continue to maintain a high level of vigilance.

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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