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Public Advisory No. 1
Typhoon Conditions Possible for Portions of the Marianas This Weekend; Prepare for at Least a Category 2 Typhoon

Invest 96W developed into Tropical Depression 29W at 1 a.m. ChST today. The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office advises that tropical storm-force winds look probable over some locations of the Marianas between Guam and Saipan, with typhoon conditions also possible. NWS advises preparing for at least a Category 2 typhoon.

There are no tropical cyclone watches or warnings in effect at this time. NWS indicated a typhoon watch could be issued as early as this afternoon.

As of 7 a.m. ChST, Tropical Depression 29W was located near 10.6N 160.1E, about 1,050 miles east of Guam, moving northwest at 13 mph with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph. The current forecast has 29W strengthening to a high-end Category 1 typhoon on approach to the Guam/CNMI area, with a passage between Guam and Rota favored. The main window is Saturday night through Sunday night. NWS cautions that even small changes in the storm's track could significantly affect which islands experience hazardous conditions and the duration of those conditions.

NWS advises the following for Guam:

- **Wind timing:** The earliest arrival of tropical storm-force winds is Saturday evening, October 17, with the most likely arrival late Saturday night. If typhoon-force winds occur, they could arrive as early as Sunday morning, October 18. Tropical storm-force winds are most likely to depart Sunday afternoon, October 18.
- **Wind probabilities:** Preliminary NWS wind speed probabilities give Guam a 60 to 70 percent chance of tropical storm-force winds and a 10 to 20 percent chance of typhoon-force winds.
- **Rain:** Heavy rainfall will accompany the storm, with rainfall amounts of 5 to 10 inches and locally higher amounts possible.

Across the Marianas, seas will rapidly build Saturday into Sunday, with seas likely climbing above 20 feet. Some coastal inundation is likely.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Fill cars with fuel and park in protected areas;
- Stock up on non-perishable foods and fill containers with several days of drinking water;
- Secure windows; put up or close shutters;
- Remove or secure window air conditioners;
- Obtain sufficient fuel for lamps, stoves, and generators;
- Have rags ready for slow leaks of wind-driven water;

- If living near streams and rivers, prepare to move items away from stream and river banks;
- Make sure storm drains nearby are not clogged, especially if living in low-lying areas.

Candidates and campaigns are urged to remove and secure campaign signs before hazardous winds arrive. Residents and businesses should also secure outdoor signs and other loose objects that could become airborne.

The next scheduled NWS advisory will be issued at 2 p.m. ChST. The Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) reminds the community to be alert for additional advisories.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: https://www.weather.gov/gum/
- NWS Tropical Cyclones: https://www.weather.gov/gum/Cyclones
- JTWC: https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html
- NWS Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/
- GHS/OCD Website: https://ghs.guam.gov/
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