

SEVERE WEATHER BULLETIN #2  
FOR: TROPICAL DEPRESSION "#PepitoPH"  
TROPICAL CYCLONE: WARNING

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(Valid for broadcast until the next bulletin to be issued at 5 PM today)

TROPICAL DEPRESSION "PEPITO" ACCELERATES WESTWARD WHILE MAINTAINING ITS STRENGTH.

Track and intensity outlook:

- Track: "PEPITO" will move west northwestward or northwestward today, then turn westward tomorrow towards the Northern Luzon-Central Luzon area. On the forecast track, the tropical cyclone is forecast to make landfall over the eastern coast of Northern Luzon-Central Luzon area between tomorrow evening and Wednesday early morning. It may emerge over the West Philippine Sea on Wednesday morning
- Intensity: "PEPITO" is forecast to intensify into a tropical storm before it makes landfall. After crossing the landmass of Luzon, "PEPITO" may further intensify over the West Philippine Sea and may reach severe tropical storm category by Thursday.

Hazards affecting land:

- Rainfall: Today, light to moderate with at times heavy rains may be experienced over Quezon, Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Bangasamoro, Caraga, Davao Oriental, Davao Occidental, Sultan Kudarat, South Cotabato, and Sarangani. Flooding (including flashfloods) and rain-induced landslides may occur during heavy or prolonged rainfall especially in areas that are highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards. PAGASA Regional Services Divisions may issue local thunderstorm/rainfall advisories and heavy rainfall warnings as appropriate.
- Winds: Areas under Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS) #1 may experience occasional gusts in the next 36 hours. Based on available meteorological data, TCWS#1 may be raised over the eastern portion of Quirino and other municipalities in Isabela and Aurora in the next bulletin
- The northeasterly surface windflow partly enhanced by "PEPITO" may bring strong-force to near gale-force winds with occasional gusts over Batanes, Babuyan Islands, and the coastal and mountainous areas of northern Ilocos Norte, Apayao, Cagayan, Isabela, Aurora, Quezon, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, and Northern Samar

Hazards affecting coastal waters:

- Gale Warning is in effect over the seaboard of Batanes, Cagayan, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, and Isabela due to rough to very rough seas (2.8 to 4.5 m) caused by the northeasterly surface windflow. Sea travel is risky over these areas, especially for those using small seacrafts.
- Moderate to rough seas (1.5 to 3.0 m) due to "PEPITO" and the northeasterly surface windflow will be experienced in the next 24 hours over the eastern seaboard of Central Luzon and Bicol Region and the seaboard of Northern Samar and Eastern Samar. Those with small seacrafts are advised to take precautionary measures while venturing out to sea.

Location of eye/center : At 10:00 AM today, the center of Tropical Depression "PEPITO" was estimated based on all available data at 475 km East of Virac, Catanduanes (13.1°N, 128.6°E).

Strength Maximum sustained winds of 45 km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 55 km/h.

Movement Moving Westward at 30 km/h.

Forecast Positions

- 24 Hour (Tomorrow morning): 370 km East of Baler, Aurora (15.8°N, 125.0°E)
- 48 Hour (Wednesday morning): 95 km West Northwest of Dagupan City, Pangasinan (16.5°N, 119.6°E)
- 72 Hour (Thursday morning): 445 km West of Dagupan City, Pangasinan (OUTSIDE PAR) (16.7°N, 116.2°E)

- 96 Hour (Friday morning): 710 km West of Dagupan City, Pangasinan (OUTSIDE PAR) (16.7°N, 113.7°E)
- 120 Hour (Saturday morning): 980 km West of Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR) (16.8°N, 111.2°E)

**TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND SIGNAL**

**TCWS #1**

(30-60 km/h winds prevailing or expected in 36 hours)

The eastern portion of Isabela (Palanan, Dinapigue, the eastern portion of San Mariano) and the northern portion of Aurora (Dinalungan, Casiguran, Dilasag)

The public and the disaster risk reduction and management council concerned are advised to take appropriate actions and watch for the next Severe Weather Bulletin to be issued at 5 PM today.

