

SEVERE WEATHER BULLETIN #5  
FOR: TROPICAL DEPRESSION "#PepitoPH"

TROPICAL CYCLONE: WARNING

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

TROPICAL DEPRESSION "PEPITO" MAINTAINS ITS STRENGTH AS IT MOVES WEST-NORTHWESTWARD.

Track and intensity outlook:

- Track: "PEPITO" will move west-northwestward towards the Northern-Central Luzon area. The center of this tropical cyclone is forecast to make landfall over the coast of Aurora-Isabela area tonight or tomorrow early morning.
- Intensity: "PEPITO" may reach tropical storm category before making landfall. However, there remains a possibility that this tropical cyclone makes landfall as a tropical depression. After crossing the landmass of Luzon, "PEPITO" is forecast to intensify and may reach severe tropical storm category by Thursday.

Hazards affecting land:

- Rainfall: Today, "PEPITO" will bring moderate to heavy rains over Bicol Region, Quezon, Aurora, mainland Cagayan, and Isabela. Light to moderate with at times heavy rains will be experienced over Metro Manila, CALABARZON, Cordillera Administrative Region, the rest of Cagayan Valley and Central Luzon, Romblon, Marinduque, Northern Samar, Samar, Eastern Samar, Zamboanga Peninsula, Bangsamoro, Northern Mindanao, and Caraga. 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: High winds (strong to near gale) will be experienced in areas under Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS) #1 within 36 hours of first raising of the wind signal. High to gale-force winds with occasional gusts due to the northeasterly surface wind flow will be experienced over Batanes, Babuyan Islands, and the coastal and/or mountainous areas of mainland Cagayan, Apayao, Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur.

Hazards affecting coastal waters:

- Gale Warning is in effect over the seaboard of Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela, Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur due to rough to very rough seas (2.8 to 5.0 m). Moreover, the seaboard of areas under TCWS #1 will also experience rough to very rough seas (2.5 to 4.5 m). Sea travel is risky over these areas, especially for those using small seacrafts.
- Moderate to rough seas (1.5 to 3.0 m) will prevail over the western and eastern seaboard of Southern Luzon and the eastern seaboard of Eastern Visayas, Caraga, and Davao Region. Those with small seacrafts are advised to take precautionary measures when venturing out to sea. Inexperienced mariners should avoid navigating in these conditions.

Location of eye/center:

- At 1:00 AM today, the center of Tropical Depression "PEPITO" was estimated based on all available data at 260 km East Northeast of Virac, Catanduanes (14.4°N, 126.5°E).

Strength:

- Maximum sustained winds of 55 km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 70 km/h.

Movement:

- Moving West Northwestward at 20 km/h.

Forecast Positions:

- 24 Hour (Tonight): In the vicinity of Maria Aurora, Aurora (15.8°N, 121.4°E)
- 48 Hour (Wednesday evening): 390 km West of Dagupan City, Pangasinan (15.7°N, 116.7°E)

- 72 Hour (Thursday evening): 560 km West of Dagupan City, Pangasinan (OUTSIDE PAR) (16.2°N, 115.1°E)
- 96 Hour (Friday evening): 745 km West of Dagupan City, Pangasinan (OUTSIDE PAR) (16.6°N, 113.4°E)
- 120 Hour (Saturday evening): 1,030 km West of Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR) (16.7°N, 110.7°E)

**TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND SIGNAL**

- TCWS #1

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

**LUZON:**

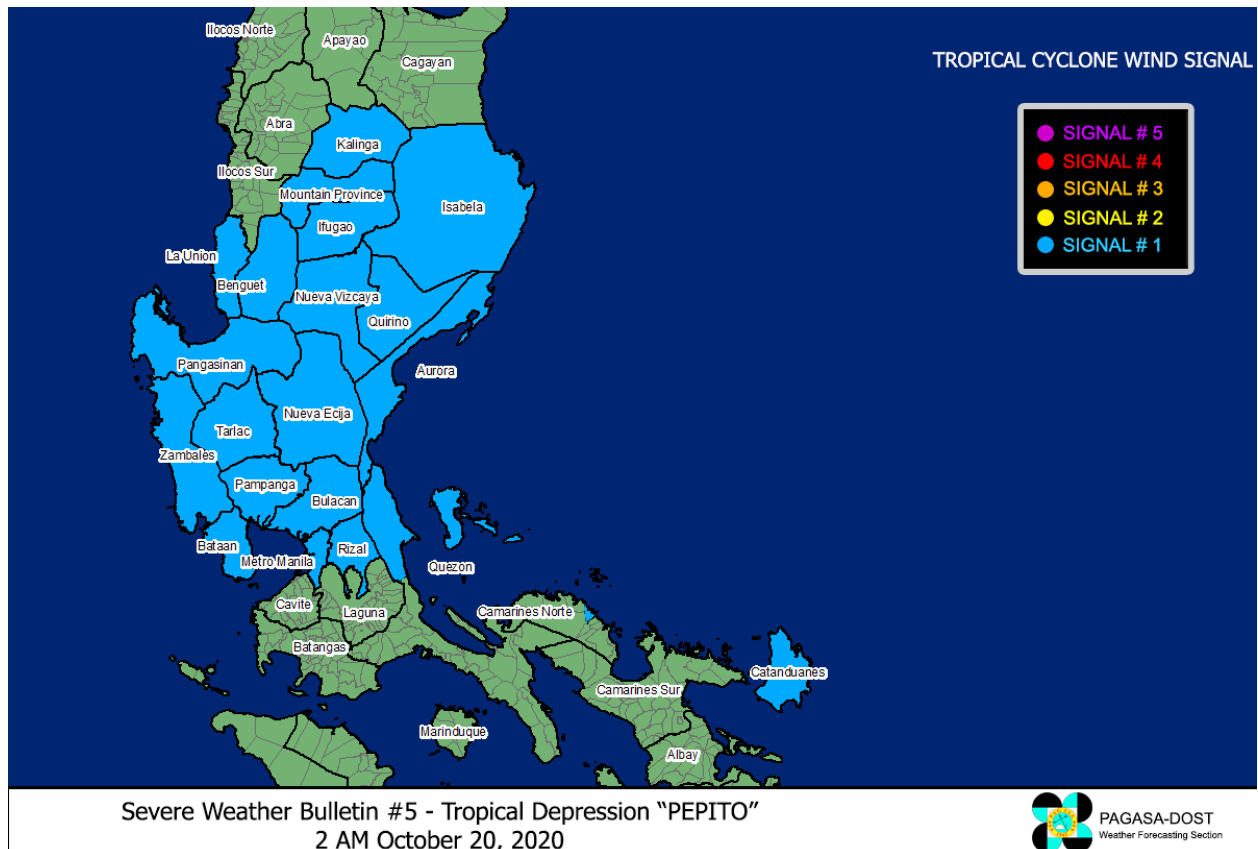
Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Ifugao, Benguet, La Union, Pangasinan, Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Zambales, Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan, Metro Manila, Rizal, the northern portion of Quezon (General Nakar, Infanta, Real) including Polillo Islands, the extreme northern portion of Camarines Norte (Vinzons), and Catanduanes.

**Impacts of the wind:**

- Very light or no damage to low risk structures,
- Light damage to medium to high risk structures
- Slight damage to some houses of very light materials or makeshift structures in exposed communities. Some banana plants are tilted, a few downed and leaves are generally damaged
- Twigs of small trees may be broken.
- Rice crops, however, may suffer significant damage when it is in its flowering stage.

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 AM today.

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# Track of Tropical Depression "PEPITO"

