



NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL

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NDCC UPDATE

Severe Weather Bulletin No. 4 re Tropical Depression "ESTER"

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Sources: DOST-PAGASA, RDCCs/RDCCs I, II, III, IV-B, CAR, VI, AFPCC, DPWH, PCG

I. OVERVIEW

Tropical Depression "Ester" has slightly intensified as it continues to move towards Batanes area.

Location of eye/center (as of 4:00 PM)	100 km Southeast of Basco, Batanes
Coordinates	19.9 °N, 122.8 °E
Strength	Maximum winds of 55 kph near the center
Movement:	Forecast to move West Northwest at 11 kph
Forecast Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 140 km West Northwest of Basco, Batanes by Sunday afternoon• 400 km West Northwest of Basco, Batanes by Monday afternoon
Public Storm Warning Signal No.1	Cagayan including Babuyan and Calayan Islands, Apayao, Kalinga, Abra, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Northern Isabela and Batanes Group of Islands

- **Tropical Depression "ESTER" is expected to enhance the Southwest Monsoon and bring rains over the country**
- Residents living in low lying and mountainous areas under Signal # 1 and areas over the western sections of central and southern Luzon and western Visayas are alerted against possible flashfloods and landslides.

II. REGIONAL SITUATION

A. Weather Condition

Region	Province	Weather Situation	Time Monitored
I	Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan	Intermittent light to moderate rains mostly	As of 4:00 PM

II	Cagayan (Tuguegarao) Isabela Quirino	Cloudy	As of 3:00 PM
	Batanes Cagayan (Sta. Ana, Aparri, Calayan Islands) Nueva Vizcaya	Cloudy with scattered light rains/rainshowers	As of 3:30 PM
III	Region wide	Partly cloudy with intermittent rains	As of 3:00 PM
IV-A	Region wide	Fair weather	As of 3:00 PM
IV-B	Occidental and Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon	Partly cloudy	As of 2:30 PM
	Palawan	Partly cloudy with rainshower	
V	Region wide	Cloudy	As of 3:00 PM
VI	Most parts of Western Visayas	Cloudy with light to moderate winds	As of 3:00 PM
VIII	Region wide	Partly cloudy	As of 3:00 PM
CAR	Abra, Apayao	Partly cloudy	As of 5:00 PM
	Benguet, Baguio City, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mt. Province	Intermittent light to moderate rains	

B. Status of Road, Bridges and Sea Ports/Sea Travels (Sources: RDCCs/OCDRCs, DPWH, PCG)

- All national roads and bridges in Regions I, II and IV-B are passable except the following roads in CAR due to intermittent light to moderate rains in the afternoon **for the past week (previous weather disturbance-Tropical Storm Domeng)**:
 - Itogon-Dalupirip Road: close-open situation; on-going clearing operation
 - Benguet-Nueva Vizcaya Road: close-open situation; on-going operation
 - Gurel-Bokod-Kabayang-Buguias Road: close-open situation; on-going clearing operation
- No disruption in roll-on-roll-out operations in Region IV-B
- **Based on PCG's Guidelines on Movement of Vessels During Heavy Weather, vessels of 1,000 gross tons or below were not allowed to sail, except to take shelter in areas when PSWS No. 1 is hoisted within its point of origin or route or point of destination**

III. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. National

- NDCC Advisory was disseminated to regions and concerned agencies through SMS, facsimile and website for further dissemination to local disaster coordinating councils (LGUs) from the provincial down to the municipal level
- AFP instructed Northern Luzon Command (NOLCOM) to advise its Operational Command Control units (OPCON) from battalion down to detachment level to coordinate with LGUs and assist PCG and PNP to prevent barrio folks/fishermen from going out to the sea until further notice

B. Regional

- RDCCs/OCDRCs I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, VI and CAR disseminated weather bulletins to RDCC member agencies, disaster coordinating councils (DCCs) and tri-media

through facsimile and SMS, to take precautionary measures in their respective AOR especially in identified high risk areas, such as major river system and landslide prone areas

- Concerned regions and provinces have activated/alerted their operation centers; and alerted response agencies
 - RDCC/OCDRC 2 coordinated with PCG Sabtang Batanes, Sta. Ana and MDCC Calayan on situation update
 - OCDRC IV-B alerted and coordinated with PCG, SOLCOM and WESCOM
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