



# NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL

National Disaster Management Center, Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

## NDCC UPDATE

Severe Weather Bulletin No. 6 re Tropical Depression "ESTER"

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

### I. OVERVIEW

**Tropical Depression "Ester" has changed course and is now moving towards the Southern Islands of Japan.**

Location of eye/center (as of 4:00 AM)	90 km Northeast of Basco, Batanes
Coordinates	21.0 °N, 122.6 °E
Strength	Maximum winds of 55 kph near the center
Movement:	Forecast to move <b>North Northeast</b> at 11 kph
Forecast Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>320 km Northeast</b> of Basco, Batanes or at <b>450 km Southwest</b> of Okinawa, Japan by tomorrow morning</li> <li>• <b>590 km Northeast</b> of Basco, Batanes or at <b>190 km Southwest</b> of Okinawa, Japan by Tuesday morning</li> </ul>
Public Storm Warning Signal No.1	Batanes Group of Islands, Cagayan including Babuyan and Calayan Islands

**Tropical Depression "ESTER" will continue to enhance the Southwest Monsoon and bring rains Luzon and Visayas.**

**Residents living in low lying and mountainous areas under Signal # 1 and areas over the western section of Luzon and Visayas are alerted against possible flashfloods and landslides.**

### II. REGIONAL SITUATION

#### A. Weather Condition (As of 6:00 AM, 08 August 2010)

Region	Province	Weather Condition
I	Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan	Partly cloudy with rainshowers
II	Batanes	Continuous light to moderate rainshowers
	Cagayan (Tuguegarao, Sta. Ana, Aparri) Isabela	Cloudy

	Nueva Vizcaya	
	Cagayan (Calayan Island, Babuyan Island)	Intermittent light rains
	Quirino	Fair weather
III	Region wide	Cloudy with intermittent light to moderate rains
IV-A	Region wide	Cloudy with scattered light rains
IV-B	Palawan area	Partly cloudy with light rains
VI	Region wide	Fair weather
VII	Region wide	Fair weather
VIII	Region wide	Cloudy
CAR	Region wide	Cloudy

**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-Kabayan-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, VII, VIII 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