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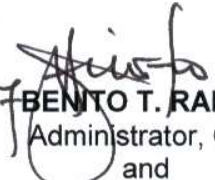
# **NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL**

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

## **NDCC UPDATE**

**Situation Report No. 1 on Tropical Storm "ESTER" (DIANMU)**

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

### **I. SITUATION OVERVIEW**

#### **A. Weather Update (Final Bulletin)**

- ❖ Tropical Storm "Ester" has intensified further as it continues to move away from the country
- ❖ At 10:00 AM today, 09 August 2010, the center of TS "Ester" was estimated at 640 km. North Northeast of Basco, Batanes (25.9°N. 125.6°E) with maximum center winds of 95 kph near the center and gustiness of up to 120 kph
- ❖ It is forecast to move North at 20 kph and is expected to be at 810 km. North Northeast of Basco, Batanes or at 240 km. Northwest of Okinawa, Japan by this evening. All public storm signals are now lowered
- ❖ TS "ESTER" will continue to enhance the Southwest Monsoon and bring rains over Luzon and the coastal waters of these areas will be rough and dangerous to small seacrafts and fishing boats
- ❖ Residents living in low-lying and mountainous areas over the western sections of Northern and Central Luzon are alerted against possible flashfloods and landslides

#### **B. Incidents Monitored**

##### **Region IV-B**

- ❖ On or about 070215H August 2010, M/V SF Freighter, a cargo vessel with 17 crew on board and loaded with steel bars was reported missing while navigating at the vicinity of Dos Hermanas Island, Marinduque
- ❖ Said vessel which is owned by Seaford Shipping Company, Bacolod Branch departed Manila on or about 052030 August 2010 enroute to Cebu City encountered engine trouble and subsequently lost power and radio contact

## NCR

- ❖ **An LCT Barge docked along the coastal area of Bagu, Navotas West, Navotas City snapped off from its anchorage and hit five (5) shanties which sustained damages**

### C. 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 heavy rains in the afternoon for the past week

#### **Closed**

- Baguio-Bontoc Road (km. 378+300) Sabangan-Bontoc Section along Brgy. Gonogon, Bontoc

#### **Open-Closed Situation**

- Itogon-Dalupirip Road (km. 269+200), Brgy. Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet
- Benguet-Nueva Vizcaya Road, Benguet: km. 271+800, Brgy Tinongdan, Itogon; km. 296+960, Brgy. Ambuclao, Bokod; and km. 310+550, Brgy. Bila, Bokod
- Gurel-Bokod-Kabayan-Buguias Road (km. 318+250), Brgy. Adacay, Kabayan, Benguet

## II. EFFECTS

### AFFECTED POPULATION

#### **Region III**

- ❖ Around 204 families from Sitio Sabitan, Sto. Rosario, Malolos City, Bulacan were evacuated to Malolos Central Elementary School on August 8,2010 due to high tide
- ❖ **Of the total number evacuated, 146 families/333 persons are still housed at the evacuation center. The 58 families have already returned to their respective homes**

#### **NCR**

- ❖ **Five (5) families were affected in Navotas West, Navotas City hit by LCT Barge**

### CASUALTIES

#### **Region III**

- ❖ **One (1) identified as Jefferson Gavino, 13 yrs. old of Brgy. Sta. Clara, Sta. Maria, Bulacan was reported missing while swimming and diving in Sta. Clara River who was hit by a hard object and was swept away by strong current**

#### **Region IV-B**

- ❖ **Three(3) of the 17 crew on board MV SF Freighter were found in the territorial waters of Gen. Luna, Quezon. One (1), identified as Euleto Abeng was reported dead while the two (2) others, also identified as Julieto Cortejas (Captain) and Wenceslao Meno were found alive**

### III. Emergency Response

#### A. NATIONAL

- ❖ OCD-OPCEN prepared and disseminated an NDCC Advisory to RDCCs/OCDRCs Regions I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, NCR and CAR 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 levels to coordinate with LGUs as well as assist PCG and PNP in preventing fisher folks/fishermen from going out to the sea until further notice

#### B. REGIONAL

- ❖ RDCCs/OCDRCs I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, NCR and CAR disseminated the Advisory issued by NDCC-OPCEN to the local disaster coordinating councils (DCCs) concerned and tri-media most specially in identified high risk areas and landslide prone areas.
- ❖ Likewise, above regions activated their Disaster Operation Centers (DOCs) and alerted their respective response agencies

#### Region II

- ❖ RDCC/OCDRC 2 coordinated with PCG Sabtang Batanes, Sta. Ana and MDCC Calayan on situation update

#### Region III

- ❖ **PSWDO Bulacan extended the following relief assistance to the evacuees in Malolos Central Elementary School: 236 family packs (3 kilos rice, 50 grams coffee, 3 packs noodles and 3 kilos sugar) per family**
- ❖ **Retrieval operations of the reported missing in Brgy. Clara, Sta. Maria, Bulacan is still on going**

#### Region IV-A

- ❖ **The Municipal Health Office in Rural Hospital in General Luna, Quezon are now taking care of the two (2) survivors and is now conducting stress debriefing**
- ❖ **PDCC Quezon and PCG and PCG Dalahican Station is now on their way to Gen. Luna, Quezon to conduct SAR operations along waters of Gen. Luna and nearby municipalities**
- ❖ **OCD IV-A and PDCC Quezon alerted all municipalities and coastal barangays to report any sightings of other survivors and to report directly to the Municipal Police Station**
- ❖ **RDCC IV is closely coordinating with MDCC Gen. Luna, PDCC Quezon, PCG-STL and OCDRCs IV-B and VII for any development of the incident**

#### Region IV-B

- ❖ **OCD-IV-B coordinated with PCG District Southern Tagalog and WESCOM on the reported missing MV SF Freighter of Seaport Shipping Lines**
- ❖ **PCG IV-B dispatched two (2) PCG vessels, one (1) Islander Plane and search and rescue teams from Batangas and Manila to conduct search and rescue operations of aforesaid missing vessel**

- ❖ PCG reported “negative sightings” of missing vessel in their reconnaissance sortie in the vicinity of Marinduque and further advised all ships/watercraft/aircraft transiting the vicinity to be on the lookout for said vessel
- ❖ Seaford Shipping Company also dispatched commercial vessel and other big fishing boats
- ❖ DPWH IV-B District Risk Management Teams were deployed to critical road sections to monitor the conditions of infrastructure facilities (Nautical Highway). All roads are passable
- ❖ PCG IV-B monitored the roll-on-roll-off port operations - normal

#### NCR

- ❖ Mayor John Tiangco of Navotas called up PCG for assistance in pulling out the barge
  - ❖ PCG provided tugboat and pulled the barge out from the sea
  - ❖ The Navotas City Government and the PCG will conduct investigation today
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