

Viet Nam – Tropical storm Vicente (No.4)

Situation Report No. 1

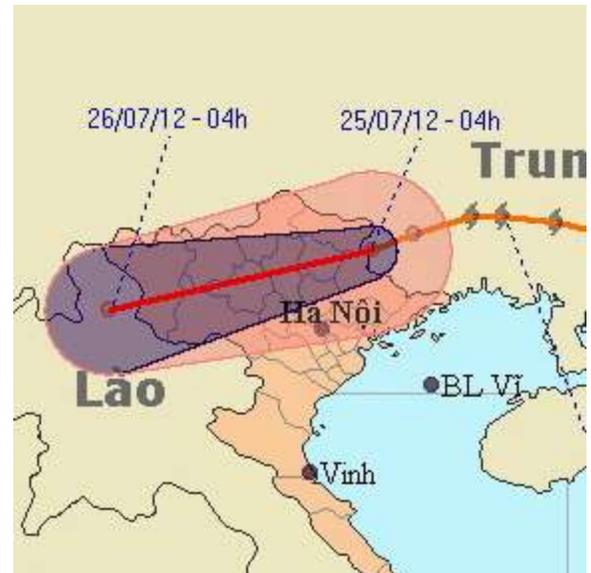
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The next report will be issued on the 26th July, 5pm

I. Summary

- After making landfall on the 24th July in South-China, the very strong typhoon Vicente (No.4) weakened quickly into a tropical depression and then into a low pressure zone.
- It has caused medium to heavy rain in most of the Northern mountainous and Red River Delta provinces in Vietnam
- The rainfall can potentially cause landslides, flash floods and river flooding.
- No damage has been reported so far.
- Since 21st July, the Government of Viet Nam has been issuing updated and detailed instructions to all potentially affected provinces and relevant ministries to carry out appropriate preparedness and response measures. The Government has dispatched two monitor



Source: National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting

II. Situation Overview

- After gaining significant strength, typhoon Vicente (No.4) made landfall as a category 4-typhoon in Quangdong province, South-China, during the day on the 24th of July.
- In the evening of the 24th of July, the typhoon weakened into a tropical depression when entering Quangxi province, China, and heading towards the Northern Vietnamese provinces Lang Son, Cao Bang and Ha Giang.
- In the early morning of the 25th of July, the tropical depression weakened into a low pressure zone over the Northern mountainous provinces of Lang Son and Cao Bang.
- The tropical depression caused medium to heavy rainfall in Quang Ninh, Lang Son, Bac Giang, Bac Kan, Thai Nguyen, Tuyen Quang, Ha Giang and Cao Bang and other Northern provinces, potentially causing landslides and local flooding over the coming day(s). The average rainfall was 40 to 70mm.
- Landslides blocked local highway 127 in Sin Ho District in Lai Chau Province (source VietnamNews)

III. Damage

No damage has been reported so far.

IV. National Response

National:

- In the morning of the 21/07 the National Committee for Search and Rescue of (CCFSC) issued Directive 11/CD-VPTW to inform potentially affected provinces in the North and relevant ministries and state agencies about the movement of the storm and to provide guidance on preparedness actions to be taken. An updated Directive 12/CD-TW was issued in the morning of the 23/07. Since the first directive, the CCFSC is holding frequent meetings.
- Two missions were dispatched by the CCFSC to Quảng Ninh province and Hải Phòng City to provide direct guidance and monitoring of preparedness and response measures.
- Warning messages, warning signals and close monitoring of boats and ships at sea, is being undertaken by the Command of Border Guards. On 25/07, 6am, 33,251 ships and boats with 123,306 workers have been informed about the storm.
- The National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (NCHMF) is providing regular information about the storm and the projected course.

Sub-national:

- Committees for Flood and Storm Control and Search & Rescue are undertaken appropriate measures to implement the CCFSC directive (23/07) in their localities.

V. International Response

- The UN Disaster Risk Management Team (DRMT) is closely monitoring the situation, issuing situation reports and keeps regular contact with regional OCHA and other UN offices.
- The situation and potential follow-up actions will be discussed in the monthly DRMT meeting on the 26th July 2012.

VI. Contacts

For more information, please visit CCFSC website: <http://www.ccfsc.gov.vn>

For detailed weather forecasting: <http://www.nchmf.gov.vn>

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