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Governor Torres urges Marianas to prepare for the worst and stay informed

In anticipation of what is currently Tropical Storm Yutu (31W), Governor Ralph DLG. Torres urges the Marianas to be proactive, stay informed, and prepare for the worst conditions.

"On behalf of our hardworking team at the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and our first responders, I urge everyone in the Marianas to prepare for this storm and stay informed of all updates from HSEM and the CNMI EOC State Warning Point. After monitoring the potential strength and path of this storm, this storm is expected to become a typhoon by Tuesday and poses a significant threat to the Northern Mariana Islands."

"Our senior leadership team has already been in contact with FEMA and our federal and military partners in preparation for landfall. FEMA has deployed additional personnel from Guam to Saipan to ensure support is readily available. This includes prepositioned equipment and assets, in support of recovery efforts. DoD officials have been notified and are currently on standby. BECQ, DPW, and the Saipan Mayor's Office are coordinating efforts to open drainage systems to alleviate inundation on the island of Saipan, where flooding is likely to occur. Debris removal coordination is in the works."

"PSS and DCCA have been notified of shelter activation as soon as Condition II is called. A list of shelters will be out sometime tomorrow. The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA) will be activated upon Condition II to assist in transporting any resident who requires transportation needs to and from shelters, including individuals with access and functional needs. As a word of precaution, the best way to avoid personal injury is to seek shelter in concrete structures."

"Now is the time to prepare. When preparing for an emergency situation, always think about the essential needs for survival: fresh water, food, and a healthful environment that keeps you and your families safe. Build a disaster supplies kit, secure loose outdoor household belongings, board up your homes if needed, contact family and loved ones, and help each other out. HSEM has a complete list of instructions and guidelines for you to follow."

"I know we are still recovering from Typhoon Mangkhut, but best believe that we have proven that we are a resilient community. We have overcome challenges and withstand natural disasters for years, and we get stronger as a community with each experience. Remember to always help each other out. 'Inafa'maolek, Un Guinaiya, Tipiyeew.' This is the spirit that brings our community together and moves our people forward."

“Please continue to stay informed by monitoring updates from the following social media platforms and our local media and radio stations.”

- CNMI EOC State Warning Point Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cnmieocswp/>
- CNMI Office of the Governor Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CNMIGov/>
- Governor Ralph DLG. Torres Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ralphdlg.torres/>
- CNMI Joint Information Center: <https://www.facebook.com/JICNMI/>
- US National Weather Service – Guam Website: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/>
- US National Weather Service – Guam Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>

“All of our media partners will be receiving uniform up-to-date information on this storm as we continue to monitor the storm’s strength and path. Please be on the lookout for announcements from my office and from PSS or your school about closure of government offices and classes.”

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