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NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

NDRRMC UPDATE

Effect/s of Low Pressure Area

Releasing Officer:

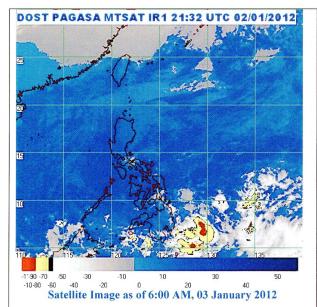
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DATE: 03 January 2012, 8:00 AM

Sources: PAGASA-DOST: PNP-PRO6

SITUATION OVERVIEW:

24-Hour Public Weather Forecast issued at 5:00 AM, 03 January 2012



Synopsis:

At 2:00 am today, The Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on satellite and surface data at 600 km Southeast of General Santos City (5.0°N, 130.5°E). Northeast monsoon affecting Luzon.

Forecast:

Eastern Visayas and Mindanao will have mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming cloudy with widespread rains over Eastern and Southern Mindanao which may trigger flashfloods and landslides. The rest of Visayas will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms. Northern and Eastern Luzon will be mostly cloudy with light rains while the rest of Luzon will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with light rains.

Moderate to strong winds blowing from the northeast will prevail over Luzon and Visayas and the coastal waters along these areas will be moderate to rough. Elsewhere, winds will be moderate to occasionally strong coming from the Northeast and East with moderate to occasionally rough seas.

I. PREPAREDNESS MEASURES

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council Operations Center (NDRRMC OpCen)

 NDRRMC Emergency OpCen remains activated at "RED ALERT" STATUS to coordinate all efforts in response to the effects of TS "SENDONG" and to monitor the approaching LPA for continuous dissemination of advisories/warnings/bulletins and related information to all concerned.

- Disseminated NDRRMC Weather Advisories on Low Pressure Area (LPA), Gale Warnings, and Flood Bulletins to all regions likely to be affected through SMS and facsimile and uploaded the same at the NDRRMC Website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts for further dissemination to their respective local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels.
- Directed RDRRMCs concerned through the OCD Regional Centers to undertake precautionary measures in their respective areas of responsibility (AOR) and subsequently advised local DRRMCs to initiate pre-emptive evacuation of families in low-lying and mountainous areas if situation warrants.

PAGASA

- Continuously provides NDRRMC Operations Center with updates on Low Pressure Area (LPA), Gale Warnings and General Flood Bulletins
- Detailed PAGASA Personnel at the NDRRMC OpCen for prompt coordination with their bureau especially with the Weather Forecasting Section, Weather Division

DOH-HEMS

- Detailed personnel at the NDRRMC Operations Center to monitor for the possible effects of the LPA
- Coordinated with PAGASA and Region XII HEMS for the possible effects of the LPA and actions taken

PNP-PCRG

 Assigned personnel at the NDRRMC Operations Center to monitor the possible effects of the LPA for possible deployment of personnel/ assets and immediate response

II. INCIDENT MONITORED

1. Location: Region VI (Antique)
Sea Mishap: Capsized Motorbanca

On or about 9:00AM, 2 January 2012, a motorized banca with four (4) passengers, capsized while cruising between Sibato Island and Semirara, Antique. The passengers were: Joel Autillo y Disoso, 34y/o, single; Vicmar de la Cruz, 34y/o, married; Junmar de la Cruz y Escultor, 25y/o, single; and Victoria Escultor, 54y/o, married.

A team composed of personnel from the PNP, PCG and LGU Caluya immediately conducted rescue operation and rescued all passengers. All victims were brought to Brgy. Slbato, Caluya, Antique and given first aid.