

## PRESS RELEASE

### Preparedness Measures Undertaken re Low Pressure Area

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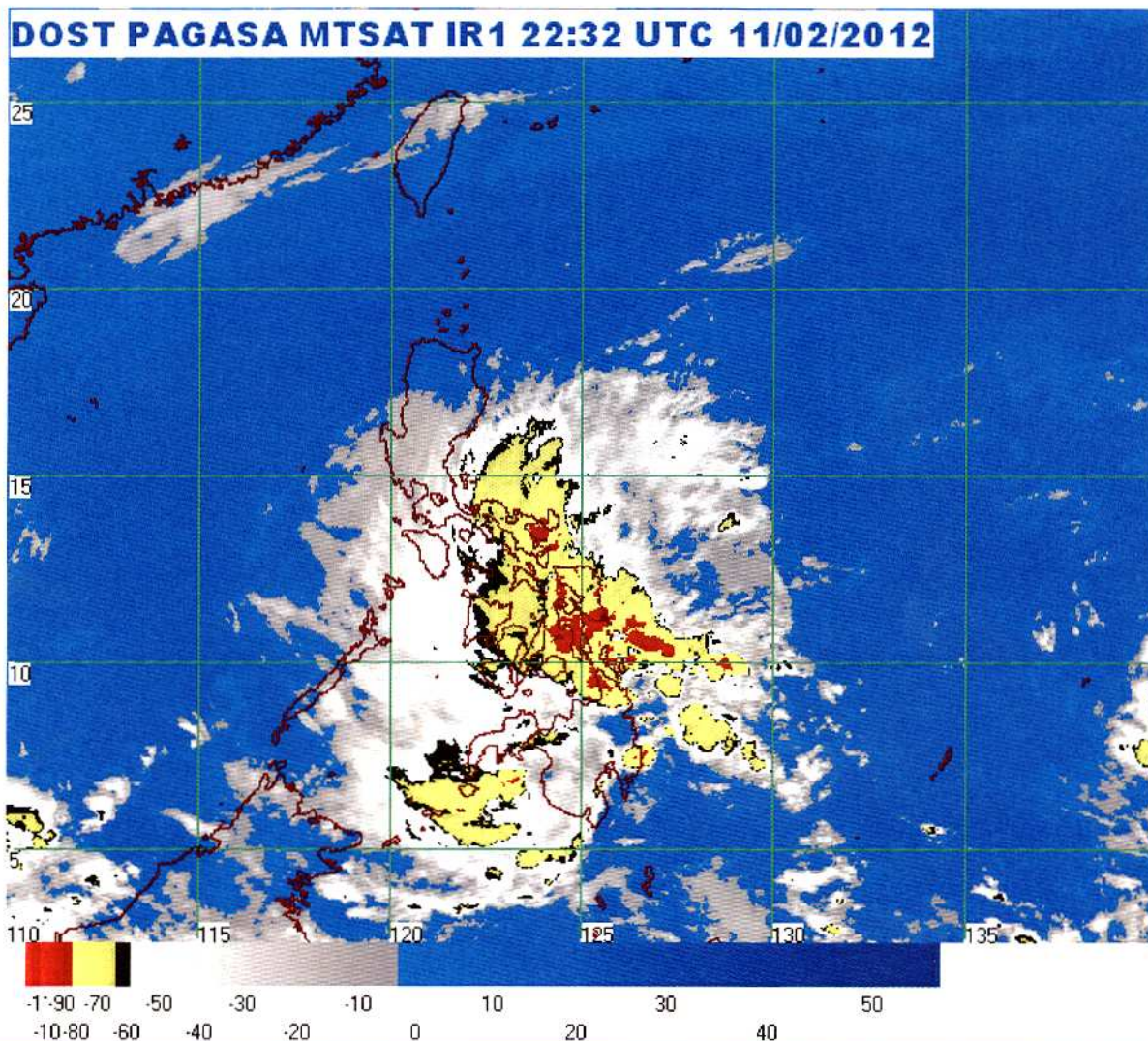
  
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Sources: OCDRC V, VI and VII, PHIVOLCS-DOST, DSWD, DPWH, DILG 7, PCG, AFP, PIA, PNP

At 2:00 AM today, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on radar, satellite and surface data in the vicinity of Hinatuan City (8.5°N, 126.0°E).

Excerpts from the latest PAGASA-DOST forecast today, Sunday 12 February 2012, the LPA is now affecting most parts of Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao and bring cloudy skies with rains. Moderate to heavy rains today is expected in the provinces of Surigao, Dinagat including Siargao, Bohol, Cebu, Negros, Panay, Leyte, Samar, Masbate, Sorsogon, Albay, Catanduanes, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte and Southern Quezon. Rest of the country mostly cloudy with light rains because cloudy with occasional rains over Central Luzon and NCR.



1. Attached are copies of NDRRMC OPCEN alert advisories and preparedness guidelines translated from the PAGAS-DOST periodic warning bulletins. Same copies were sent to all member-agencies of the NDRRMC, RDRRMCs, LGUs and the media, and were uploaded to the website of the NDRRMC for easy access of the general public. SMS was also used to roll out these alert advisories to the DRRM Offices and Operations Centers of the LGUs, particularly those in the path of the LPA. This is the redundancy reporting mechanism that the Council practices whenever BLUE and RED ALERT status are hoisted by the NDRRMC OPCEN whenever an impending threat is detected.
  2. The following actions were undertaken:
    - The NDRRMC OPCEN was already on BLUE ALERT and elevated it to RED ALERT status on Friday, 10 February 2012 due to the LPA developing outside the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR).
    - Action Officers of the NDRRMC frontline agencies such as the PAGASA-DOST, AFP, PNP, DILG, PCG, DSWD, DOH, DPWH are present at the NDRRMC OPCEN on a 24/7 duty basis because of the continuing recovery and response efforts for the earthquake-affected areas in Negros Oriental.
    - Since Thursday 09 February 2012, monitoring and disseminating of periodic advisories and warning bulletins of the PAGASA-DOST. Those LGUs and communities on the eastern seaboard of Mindanao, Visayas and Luzon were alerted by the NDRRMC to undertake preparedness measures and pre-emptive and early actions.
    - Specifically, the RDRRMCs of CARAGA, 5, 8, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and ARRM have their preparations intensified for the effects of the LPA:
      - ✓ CARAGA alerted LGUs and likely to be affected communities to continuously monitor changes in the water level of river channels. Pre-emptive evacuation is on standby mode. Once the critical level signalling for evacuation occurs, the 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalions PA are already positioned to carry out the evacuation plan. They are helping the CARAGA communities monitor the weather condition which have shifted from light to moderate rains since early yesterday, Saturday, 11 February 2012.
      - ✓ Region 8 also monitors the changes in the weather conditions. The 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division PA covering the islands of Cebu, Bohol, Biliran, Leyte, and Samar are on standby call and also monitoring the LPA effects. Five (5) rubber boats for Samar and Leyte with trained WASAR Team are readied for possible mobilization and deployment. Medical teams and ambulances together with LGUs Disaster Responders are on alert mode also. Air assets of TOG8 and two (2) PN boats stationed in Tacloban and Catbalogan are also prepositioned for possible deployment in case of emergencies.
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## **NDRRMC UPDATE**

### **Weather Advisory No.2 for Tail-end of a Cold Front**

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*Source: PAGASA-DOST*

#### **I. OVERVIEW**

The tail-end of a cold front will bring mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms in Visayas and Northeastern Mindanao becoming cloudy with widespread rains over Negros Provinces, Cebu, Bohol, Siquijor, Zamboanga del Norte and Surigao provinces which may trigger flashfloods and landslides.

Meanwhile, a Low Pressure Area (LPA), spotted outside of the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR), was estimated at 1,060 km East of Mindanao (7.0°N 137.0°E). The LPA is presently not affecting any part of the country. It is expected to enter the PAR this afternoon.

#### **II. ACTION/S TAKEN**

- **NDRRMC Weather Advisory No. 2 for Tail-end of a cold front** was disseminated to all OCD Regions through facsimile and website for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels.



## **NDRRMC UPDATE**

### **Weather Advisory No. 3 for Low Pressure Area (LPA) and Tail-End of a Cold Front**

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**DATE : 10 February 2012, 10:30 AM**

*Source: PAGASA-DOST*

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#### **I. OVERVIEW**

At 8 AM today, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on satellite and surface data at 780 km East of Southern Mindanao (7.3°N, 134.0°E).

Both LPA and tail-end of a cold front will continue to bring mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms in Mindanao becoming cloudy with widespread rains over Surigao Provinces, Agusan Provinces and Davao Provinces which may trigger flashfloods and landslides.

#### **II. ACTION/S TAKEN**

- **NDRRMC Weather Advisory No. 3 for Low Pressure Area (LPA) and tail-end of a cold front** was disseminated to all OCD Regions through facsimile and website for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels.
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## **NDRRMC UPDATE**

### **Weather Advisory No. 4 for Low Pressure Area (LPA) and Tail-End of a Cold Front**

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#### **I. OVERVIEW**

At 8 AM today, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on satellite and surface data at 350 km East of Mindanao (7.6°N, 130.0°E).

Both LPA and tail-end of a cold front will continue to bring cloudy skies with scattered to widespread rains and thunderstorms in Visayas and Northern and Eastern Mindanao which may trigger flashfloods and landslides.

#### **II. ACTION/S TAKEN**

- **NDRRMC Weather Advisory No. 4 for Low Pressure Area (LPA) and tail-end of a cold front** was disseminated to all OCD Regions through facsimile and website for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels.



## **NDRRMC UPDATE**

### **Weather Advisory No.1 for Tail-end of a Cold Front**

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*Source: PAGASA-DOST*

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#### **I. OVERVIEW**

**The tail-end of a cold front will bring mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms in Bicol Region, Visayas and Northern Mindanao becoming cloudy with widespread rains over Catanduanes, Albay and Sorsogon which may trigger flashfloods and landslides.**

#### **II. ACTION/S TAKEN**

- **NDRRMC Weather Advisory No. 1 for Tail-end of a cold front** was disseminated to all OCD Regions through facsimile and website for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels.
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