

Severe Weather Advisory for the Philippines and south/southeast China

Typhoon Sarika and Typhoon Haima

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Headline

Typhoon Sarika impacting southern China and northeast Vietnam.

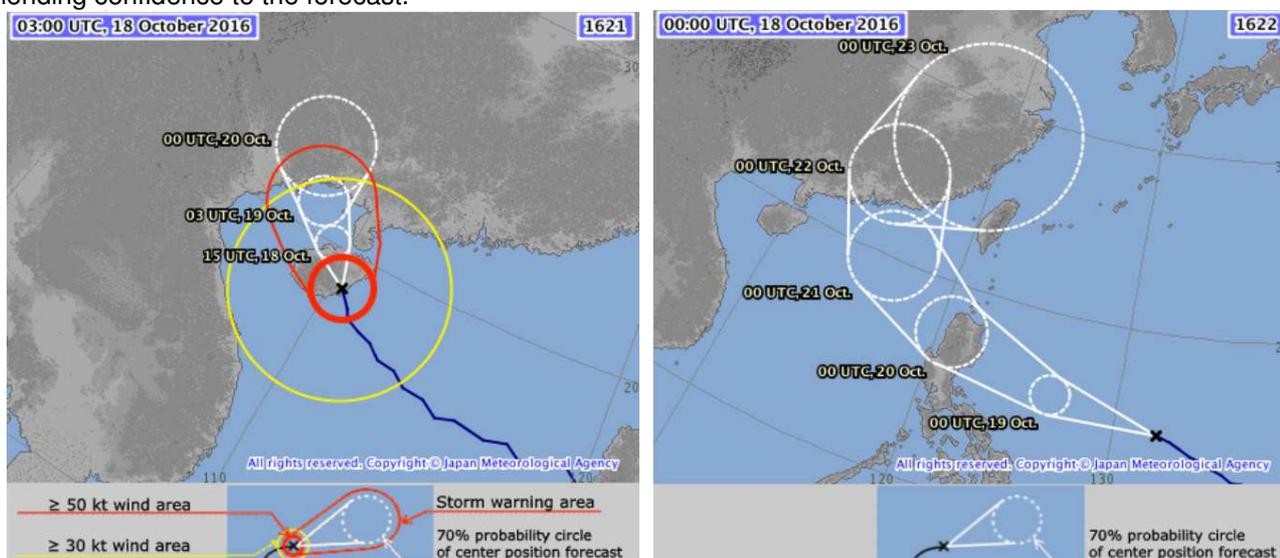
Violent typhoon Haima tracking WNW to affect the north of the Philippines from Wednesday evening and then affecting southeast China, including Hong Kong, by the end of the week.

Impacts

- Sarika is currently a strong typhoon, with wind gusts to 120mph. Winds should ease as the system approaches land, with rainfall then becoming the main concern, with 300-500mm of rain possible from the system.
- Haima continues to strengthen and is expected to be a violent typhoon by the time it makes landfall across the north of the Philippines tomorrow evening. Devastating winds, with gusts approaching 180mph, heavy rain, as well as storm surge, flash-flooding and landslides are all expected.
- Haima should weaken slightly as it crosses Luzon during Thursday, but is signaled to strengthen again as it approaches southeast China late Thursday and into Friday.
- 400-500mm of rain is possible across the north of the Philippines, with similar totals likely for southeast China.

Discussion

There is very good agreement for the track and intensity of Sarika (bottom left) over the next few days, lending confidence to the forecast.



Haima (top right) is currently a very strong typhoon and is expected to strengthen into a violent typhoon through today. There has been a slight southerly shift in track guidance, with all available model data showing this trend. As such, the risk of impacts to Hong Kong has increased for a period from Friday into Saturday. Conversely, Taiwan looks less at risk of impacts. Before that happens, Haima is forecast to make landfall across the northeast of the Philippines around midday tomorrow. Whilst the track forecast has shifted south somewhat, the expected path is still further north than that taken by Sarika a few days ago.

Sources

Met Office, JMA, PAGASA, ECMWF, NCEP.

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