

## TYPHOON WIPHA AND SEPAT IN CHINA

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Typhoon (**Wipha**) hit China a couple weeks ago.

Now the Typhoon (**Sepat**) is causing a ton of delays with vessels from the Far East. Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> is pounding Taiwan. They have some serious wind (**185 MPH**) and damage and we just wanted you to know and that there are delays. We will advise in detail specifics for each shipment if there are changes. Highlighted in red below is our interest.

#### **Read Article:**

Philippines, Taiwan, China brace for raging typhoon\*

By Oliver Teves, Associated Press

MANILA — Disaster-response agencies braced for possible floods and landslides as a strong storm grew into a super typhoon Thursday close to the Philippines' mountainous north.

Typhoon Sepat was roaring over the Pacific Ocean about 162 miles east of northern Luzon island with sustained winds of 134 miles per hour and gusts of up to 156 mph, the strongest storm to threaten the country this year, forecasters said.

Storms with 134 mph sustained winds are categorized as super typhoons.

Sepat — a Malaysian word for a freshwater fish — could still grow stronger over water before hitting Taiwan, where it was headed at 10 mph around 4 p.m. local time (0800 GMT), said Prisco Nilo, deputy administrator of the Philippine weather bureau.

"Structures made of wood will suffer heavy damage or could be destroyed. Trees could be uprooted and (winds could) cause widespread damage to agricultural crops," Nilo said.

Nilo said much of Luzon may be spared Sepat's strong winds by the Sierra Madre mountain range on the eastern part of the island.

The typhoon also is inducing monsoon rains, which are expected to drench Manila and the Visayas islands in the central Philippines.

Anthony Golez, deputy administrator of the Philippines' National Disaster Coordinating Council, said small boats have been ordered not to sail, local governments have been advised to stockpile relief goods and public works staff and equipment are on standby to clear any landslides.

The military also would be mobilized in an emergency, he said.

## **Taiwan issued a warning for ships traveling through its southern waters as Sepat approached.**

If Sepat continues on its current course, its fringe could affect the island early Friday and possibly make landfall over southeastern Taiwan at night, Taipei Central Weather Bureau said.

The bureau urged ships in the Bashi Channel or seas southeast of Taiwan to take extra precautions.

Monsoon rains induced by Sepat flooded many parts of the Philippine capital on Wednesday, causing monstrous traffic jams and forcing authorities to suspend classes and government work. Schools remained closed Thursday due to fear of more rains.

Troops and firefighters evacuated more than 220 people from their flooded homes, mostly in the capital's flood-prone suburbs of Marikina, Malabon and San Juan, the National Disaster Coordination Council said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries from the fifth serious storm to hit the country this year.

Back-to-back storms set off landslides and inundated many agricultural regions of Luzon last week, killing at least eight people, according to the government's Office of Civil Defense.