



**SITUATION**

- Tropical Cyclone SOUDELOR formed in the north-west Pacific Ocean, north-west of Enewetak Atoll of the Marshall Islands, on 30 July. Over 30 July - 3 August, it moved north-west, crossing the Northern Mariana Islands, with its centre passing over Saipan with Typhoon intensity, in the afternoon of 2 August (UTC).
- On 3 August, at 6.00 UTC, SOUDELOR's centre was located 340km north-west of Saipan with maximum sustained wind speed of 194km/h.
- Over the next 48h, SOUDELOR is forecast to continue intensifying and become a "Violent" Typhoon (term used by the Japanese Meteorological Administration), while moving north-west, away from the Mariana Islands, towards the northern Philippine Sea. The Typhoon may approach the southern Ryukyu islands and Taiwan over 7 August.
- As of 3 August, all Warnings have been lifted in the Mariana Islands. The Typhoon caused damage on Saipan island, especially in its public infrastructure, affecting power and water supply. Around 350 people remained in shelters as of 3 August, as there has been substantial damage to buildings, too, according to local media. A State of Disaster and Significant Emergency has been announced for the island.

Sources: [GDACS](#), [JTWC](#), [NOAA](#), [CNMI](#), [JMA](#), [CMA](#), Local Media (1,2)