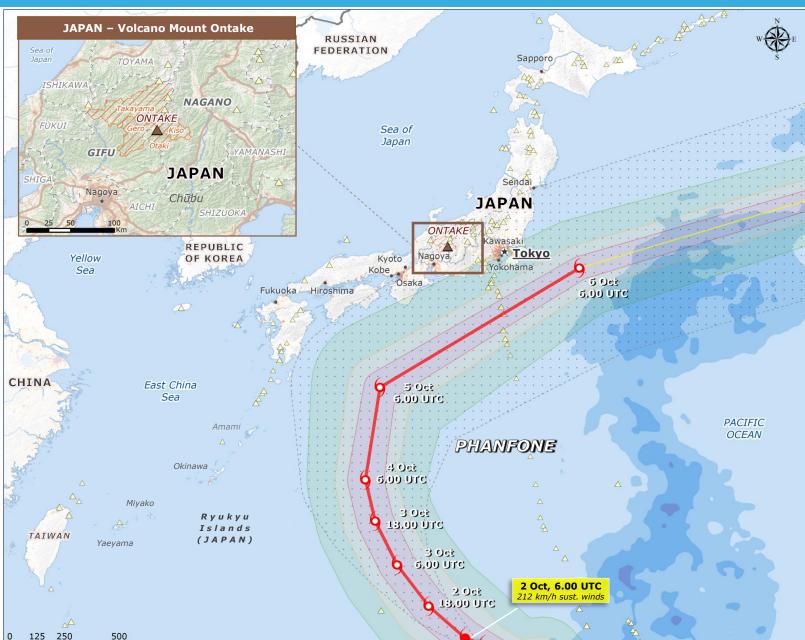
2 October 2014: Japan - Tropical cyclone and volcano





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<u>Tropical cyclone PHANFONE</u>

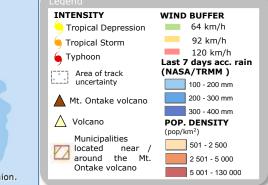
- PHANFONE passed the Northern Mariana Islands on 30 September, as a Tropical Storm, causing minor flooding in parts of the island of Saipan. It continued moving north-west over the Pacific Ocean, strengthening into a very intense Typhoon.
- In the next 48 h it is forecast to move northwest, strengthening further over water. According to data on 2 October, it is forecast to turn north-east on 5 October, passing close to the coast of south-eastern Japan on 5-6 October; however the uncertainty of the forecast track/intensity after 4 October is high.

Sources: GDACS, JMA, JTWC, NOAA, Media (1, 2)

<u> Volcano Mount Ontake</u>

- The official death toll from the eruption of Mount Ontake on 27 September has reached 47 (as of 2 October) and 69 other people were injured (59 in Nagano prefecture and 10 in Gifu). Rescue operations continue.
- According to the JMA, the eruption and the volcanic seismicity continue.
- The alert remains on level 3 as of 2 October, which bans access to the volcano.

Background information: Mount Ontake (Mount Kiso Ontake) is a strato-volcano situated at the borders of Kiso and Õtaki (Nagano Prefecture) and Gero (Gifu Prefecturea). Its last major eruption was in 1979; no people were killed. **Sources:** FDMA, JMA (1, 2, 3), Media



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