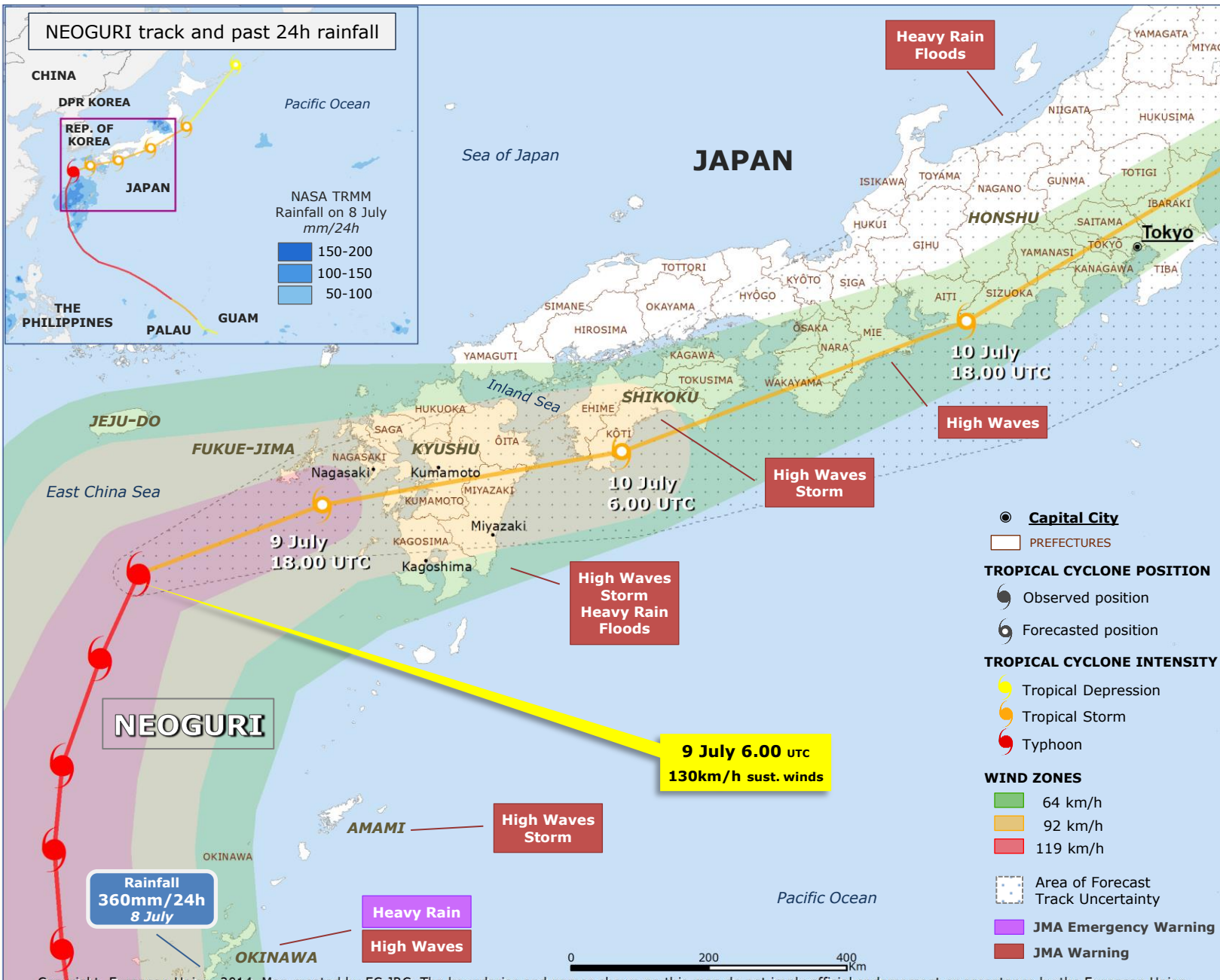


9 July 2014: Japan - Tropical Cyclone NEOGURI



SITUATION

- During the past 24h, the intensity of Typhoon NEOGURI weakened significantly. On 9 July, 6.00 UTC, its centre was located over the East China Sea, approximately 300km south-west of Nagasaki and 340km west of Kagoshima. Its maximum sustained wind speed was 130km/h and it was moving east-northeast, towards the island of Kyushu.
- As at the same day and time, NEOGURI was forecast to make landfall in the area of Kumamoto and Kagoshima prefectures in the evening of 9 July (UTC). It is expected that its intensity is decreased further and that it reaches the landfall area as a Tropical Storm.
- NEOGURI is expected to affect the areas along its path with heavy rainfall, winds and high waves. The Japanese Meteorological Administration (JMA), has Warnings and Emergency Warnings in effect for Okinawa, Amami, Kyushu and Shikoku islands, as well as parts of the main island of Japan, Honshu. Floods in Kyushu and Honshu may also occur, both due to the heavy rainfall expected and the already saturated ground from the rainfall of the past few days. According to JRC calculations, storm surge of the order of 0.4-0.5m is expected in the area of Kumamoto, as well as the northern coasts of Hukuoka and Oita (Inland Sea).
- As at 9 July, media report two deaths and 30 people injured, as well as 200 000 of evacuees in Okinawa. Furthermore, the electricity network was affected and sea and air traffic were discontinued.

Sources:
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