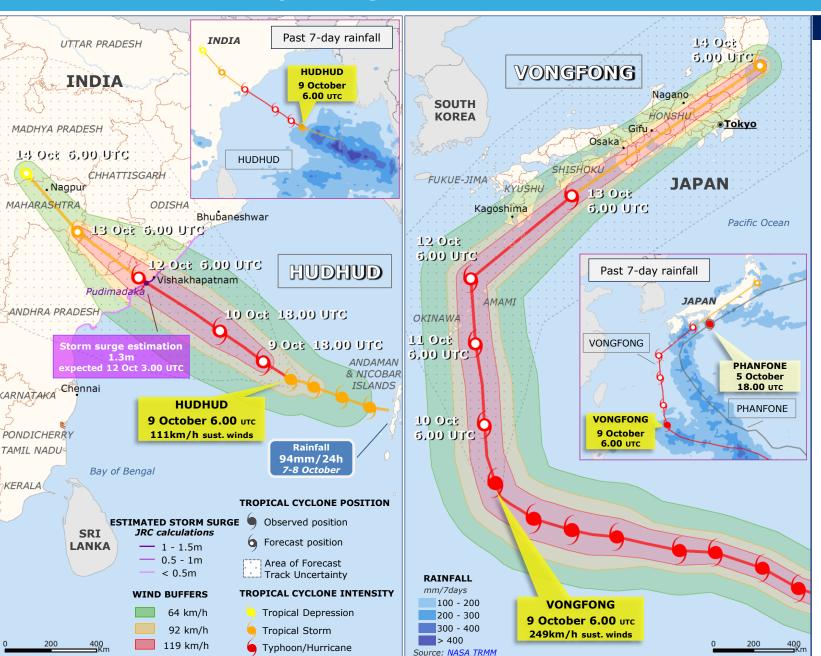
9 October 2014: Tropical Cyclones HUDHUD and VONGFONG





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SITUATION

India - Tropical Cyclone HUDHUD

- Tropical Cyclone HUDHUD is strengthening as it moves over the Bay of Bengal. On 9 October at 6.00 UTC its max. sustained wind speed was 111 km/h and it was centred over the central Bay of Bengal, approx. 732 km south-east of Vishakhapatnam in northern Andhra Pradesh.
- Over the next 48 h, HUDHUD is expected to increase in severity while continuing to move northwest over water, towards the southeastern coast of India. According to 9 October data, it is forecast to reach the coast of north-eastern Andhra Pradesh in the early hours (UTC) of 12 October.
- Heavy rains, strong winds and storm surge may affect parts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha on 11-13 October. A Cyclone Alert is in effect for north Andhra Pradesh and south Odisha coasts.
- As of 9 October, media report some damage in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, including affected electricity and telecommunication networks, as well as landslides.

Japan - Tropical Cyclone VONGFONG

- VONGFONG moved over the western Pacific Ocean during the last few days, strengthening significantly and becoming a very intense Typhoon. On 9 October it was a Super Typhoon with max. sustained wind speed of 249 km/h and its center was located over water, approx. 740 km southeast of the island of Okinawa.
- In the next 24 h, VONGFONG is forecast to move north, over water, slightly weakening. Its center is expected to pass very close or over the Amami Islands on 12 October.

Sources:

HUDHUD [GDACS (<u>1</u> & <u>2</u>), <u>JTWC</u>, IMD (<u>1</u> & <u>2</u>), <u>WMO</u>, <u>Media</u>]

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