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# Tropical Cyclone Kujira Brings Rainfall to Northern Luzon, the Phiippines

## Tropical cyclone Kujira in early August 2026

Tropical Cyclone Kujira formed in early August 2026 from a low-pressure area west of Luzon on 4 August 2026 and intensified into a tropical storm on 5 August 2026. In the Philippines, the storm was also known as Maymay. It brought monsoon-enhanced rainfall and minor impacts to Northern Luzon before weakening into a low-pressure area on 7 August 2026. The cyclone reached maximum sustained winds of approximately 65-75 km/h, with higher gusts, while moving slowly near Northern Luzon.

In addition to the cyclone Kujira, tropical cyclone Dolphin developed northeast of the Philippines, contributing to prolonged strong wind gusts and heavy rainfall during 7-9 August 2026. The successive occurrence of these weather systems contributed to persistent heavy rainfall, particularly in the western parts of the Philippines. According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), these conditions were associated with the prevailing El Niño conditions.

## Damage and losses

### Impact on the affected area

Tropical cyclone Kujira caused at least six fatalities and displaced nearly 7,000 people. The cyclone also triggered severe flooding and landslides across Northern Luzon. Several weather systems affected the Philippines within a short period, including tropical depression Luis, tropical storm Kujira, and super typhoon Dolphin, resulting in compounding impacts through mid-August 2026. These events caused widespread damage to infrastructure and agricultural production, particularly rice crops. In the Cordillera region, vegetable farmers were also forced to discard harvested produce because trading centers were flooded.

Although super typhoon Dolphin did not make direct landfall in the Philippines, its large size and associated weather conditions contributed to increased risks of flooding, landslides, and widespread disruption.

Meanwhile, the National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (NCHMF) of Vietnam and the Thai Meteorological Department (TMD) monitored the weather systems and reported that the cyclone had no direct impacts on Vietnam and Thailand.

### Agricultural devastation

**Agricultural land:** No official reports have yet quantified the damage on agricultural crops.

**Affected crops:** No official reports have yet quantified the damage on agricultural crops.

**Government responses and countermeasures**

The PAGASA issued early warnings and preparedness measures ahead of the storm's arrival along the coastal areas. Public advisories were issued for areas under tropical cyclone Wind Signal No. 2, including Candon City and other vulnerable areas in the central and southern portions of Ilocos Sur.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) also prepared approximately 4.9 million Family Food Packs nationwide and allocated a Quick Response Fund of 2.66 million peso to facilitate rapid assistance to affected communities. In addition, Welfare Desks, Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS), and First Aid Stations were established in affected areas to provide essential assistance and support to affected people.

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