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Tropical Cyclone Noul Makes Rainfall in Cagayan Province, the Philippines, and Parts of Southern Provinces in China

Tropical cyclone Noul on 24 July 2026

Tropical Cyclone Noul, also known as Kiyapo in the Philippines, formed as a tropical depression east of Northern Luzon and made landfall in Calayan, Cagayan Province, on 23-24 July 2026. It subsequently underwent rapid intensification over the West Philippine Sea, reaching the equivalent of a Category 2 typhoon on 25 July 2026. On 26 July 2026, the cyclone prompted Gale Signal No. 9 in Hong Kong and made landfall in Huidong County, Guangdong Province, China, before rapidly weakening.

According to the Hong Kong Observatory, the cyclone had maximum sustained winds of approximately 110 km/h or 68 mph near its center.

Damage and losses

Impact on the affected area

The cyclone brought heavy rainfall and flooding, exacerbated by the southwest monsoon, resulting in fatalities in the Philippines. Meanwhile, in Hong Kong and Guangdong Province in southern China, the cyclone caused hundreds of flight cancellations, the opening of dozens of emergency shelters, widespread reports of fallen trees, and more than 20 reported injuries. More than 715,000 people were reportedly relocated to safer areas. Southern Guangdong and southeastern Fujian Provinces also experienced heavy rainfall and strong winds for more than a week.

Moreover, several areas in the Philippines were affected, with flooding causing significant infrastructure damage, including damage to roads, fences, and bridges, as well as street flooding and dam and river overflows. Rice fields were also submerged, particularly in Allacapan, Cagayan Province.

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

Relevant agencies, including the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), raised

alert levels and coordinated with local offices and authorities to strengthen preparedness and response measures.

The agencies also provided regular updates to the public on weather conditions and preparations for the potential impacts of the tropical cyclone. Support was extended to vulnerable areas, particularly barangays at risk of flooding and landslides, to assist local authorities in implementing localized preparedness and response measures.

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