



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Vietnam Anticipates Tropical Storm Nesat and Typhoon Nalgae

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U.S. Embassy Hanoi released the following Emergency Message on September 30, 2011:

Tropical Storm Nesat

Tropical Storm Nesat has weakened to from a Category 1 Typhoon to a Tropical Storm, and has changed course, tracking more to the north than previous forecasts had indicated. According to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center's forecast as of 01:00 Hanoi time, Friday, September 30, Nesat is now forecast to make landfall in Vietnam around Quang Ninh at approximately 13:00 Hanoi time. Nesat will make landfall as a Tropical Storm with estimated maximum sustained winds of 60 knots (69 mph). The storm is forecast to continue moving through northern Vietnam, on a northwesterly course, to the north of Hanoi, and weaken to Tropical Depression strength by Saturday, October 1.

Typhoon Nalgae

According to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center's forecast as of 01:00 Hanoi time, Friday, September 30, Nalgae is now forecast to track west northwest, with the model indicating that Nalgae will make landfall in Hainan Island, China around 01:00 Hanoi time on Tuesday, October 4 as a Category 1 Typhoon with maximum sustained winds of 65 knots (75 mph). Nalgae is then forecast to weaken to Tropical Storm strength after passing through Hainan Island, and is projected to be located in the Gulf of Tonkin by around 01:00 Hanoi time on Wednesday, October 5, with maximum sustained winds of approximately 60 knots (69 mph).

Please continue to monitor the storms' tracks by listening to the radio, watching television, or monitoring <http://www.usno.navy.mil/JTWC>, <http://www.kttv.gov.vn>, or <http://www.tropicalstormrisk.com/>.

Considering the damage caused by past typhoons and the projected landfall of this tropical storm/typhoon, please take the following precautionary measures to ensure minimal disruption



or damage. You should also contact friends and family in the United States with updates on your whereabouts.

- Locate shelter and follow all official instructions.
- If local authorities recommend evacuation, please follow their instructions.
- Carry your travel documents at all times (i.e. U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in a safe, waterproof location.
- secure loose outdoor items (limbs, roofing material, windows (coverings), doors, debris (trash), etc.).
- fill vehicle, generator fuel, and water tanks.
- check and charge radios.
- charge cell phones.
- have bottled water; make ice.
- gather flashlights, tools, and first aid supplies.
- have fresh batteries, candles, matches, water, groceries (canned and/or dry foods), and pet supplies.
- assure an adequate supply of first aid materials and prescription medications.
- stay home and let your family and office know how you plan to weather the storm, especially those family members in the United States.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on the "Natural Disasters" (http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1207.html) page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Updated information on travel in Vietnam may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, located at 170 Ngoc Khanh Street, Hanoi; telephone (04) 3850-5000 extensions 6133 or 6014; after hours emergency telephone (04) 3850-5105; ACS unit fax (04) 3850-5026; e-mail acshanoi@state.gov .