



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Taiwan, Severe Tropical Storm Saola and Tropical Storm Damrey

Hurricanes

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This Security Message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens residing or traveling in Taiwan that the Joint Typhoon Warning Center and the Taiwan Central Weather Bureau are tracking Severe Tropical Storm Saola and Tropical Storm Damrey across the Western Pacific. At this time the storms are expected to track to the north of Taiwan, but the possibility of a last minute change in direction exists. In any case, heavy rain and strong winds can be expected across the entire island.

We will continue to monitor Severe Tropical Storm Saola and Tropical Storm Damrey's tracks and will issue updated messages as needed. Please monitor the storm's tracks by listening to the radio, watching television, or monitoring Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau website in English. International Community Radio Taipei (ICRT) provides regular weather bulletins in English on 100.7 FM in the Taipei and Kaohsiung areas and on 100.1 FM in Taichung. Locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. Carry your travel documents at all times (e.g., U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in a safe, waterproof location. You should also contact friends and family in the United States with updates on your whereabouts.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on the "Natural Disasters" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' website. Updated information on travel in Taiwan 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 Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Please continue to monitor the American Institute in Taiwan's website for updated information, including announcements of AIT closure. Please consult the Country Specific Information for Taiwan, available on the Bureau of Consular Affairs website.

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services Unit of the American Institute in Taiwan. The location of the AIT Taipei office is No. 7, Lane 134, Sec. 3, XinYi Road, Da-an District, Taipei City 10659; telephone (02) 2162-2000; fax (02)



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th G t l @ ety status quo: crime and violence remains limited mostly to areas outside of the Hotel Zone where there are fewer tourists. The Cancun police's swift reaction and capture of the criminals may also dissuade further robberies, insuring that the Hotel Zone remains a safe area for tourists to spend their vacations.

Because tourism is the primary source of revenue for the local economy, Cancun law enforcement likely will step up its physical presence throughout the Hotel Zone in order to dispel perceptions of insecurity. The fact that there were no injuries will likely aid in dispelling those perceptions.

While wrong-place, wrong-time violence such as the Cancun robbery remains a major concern for the U.S. private sector in Mexico, it is more likely that OSAC constituents will be affected by petty street crime. Pick-pocketing and petty-street crime gone wrong will remain the most common threat to OSAC constituents in Mexico for the foreseeable future.

For Further Information

Please direct any questions regarding this report or the general security situation in Mexico to OSAC's Regional Analyst for Western Hemisphere.