Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Taipei (Taiwan), Typhoon Soulik (July 11)

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This Emergency 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 Typhoon SOULIK. At this time the typhoon continues on a west-northwestward track through the Western Pacific Ocean and will likely make landfall over the northeastern coast 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 Typhoon SOULIK's track and will issue updated messages as needed. Please monitor the typhoon's track by listening to the radio, watching television, or monitoring Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau website (http://www.cwb.gov.tw/eng/index.htm) 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.

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