



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Rangoon (Burma), Cyclone Roanu

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There is a cyclone system developing in the Bay of Bengal. The storm is currently expected to make landfall in Burma on Saturday, May 21. Rakhine State and Chin State will likely receive heavy rains and strong winds which could cause flooding, landslides, power outages and difficult travel conditions. Increased rainfall levels may be experienced throughout the country. All U.S. citizens are consequently strongly urged to avoid travel to Rakhine State and Chin State until the storm has dissipated. U.S. citizens already in those areas should consider departing or seek secure shelter.

Please check local TV and radio stations for color coded warnings from the Myanmar Department of Meteorology and Hydrology: red for storms approaching landfall in Burma, orange for storms moving towards Burma, yellow for developing storms, and brown for current storms.

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center and Tropical Storm Risk (TSR) websites have updated storm tracking information.

Additional information on storm preparedness may be found on our Hurricane Season - Know Before You Go webpage. The Department of Homeland Security's page has numerous resources on emergency kits, preparing for disasters and developing emergency plans: <https://www.ready.gov/>.

For information on the resources that the U.S. government can and cannot provide during a crisis, please see our website.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Burma Country Specific Information.

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Contact the U.S. Embassy in Burma, located at 110 University Avenue, Kamayut Township, at +95 1 536 509, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +95 (0)95124330, or +95 1 500 547.

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