

Typhoon Ambo update: Signal No. 3 raised over Samar, heavy rainfall due

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MANILA, Philippines – Tropical Wind Cyclone Signal (TWCS) Number 3 was raised over Northern Samar and the northern parts of Eastern Samar and Samar as Typhoon Ambo closes in on the Eastern Visayas region Thursday morning.

In its 5:00 a.m. severe weather bulletin, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) reported that as of 4:00a.m., “Ambo” was 230 kilometers east of Catarman, Northern Samar packing maximum sustained winds of 150 kilometers per hour and gustiness of up to 185 kilometers per hour.

“Ambo” was moving west at 15 kilometers per hour.

The three Samar provinces will experience heavy, intense to at times torrential rains.

Moderate to heavy and possibly intense rains over Sorsogon, Albay, Catanduanes, Masbate, and the rest of Eastern Visayas are expected.

Pagasa also warned of 1 to 3-meter storm surges in affected coastal areas.

“Along with large swells, this storm surge may cause potentially life-threatening coastal inundation. Sea travel is risky for all types of seacrafts over the seaboard of areas under TCWS,” Pagasa also said.

“Ambo” is expected to make landfall over the northern part of Northern Samar this afternoon or early evening.

“Violent winds and heavy to torrential rains of the eyewall region may begin affecting Northern Samar and the northern portions of Samar and Eastern Samar within 12 hours,” the Pagasa bulletin said.

“Residents in these areas are advised to take appropriate measures, coordinate with local disaster risk reduction and management offices, and continue monitoring for updates, especially the local rainfall or thunderstorm advisories and heavy rainfall warnings from PAGASA Regional Services Divisions (PRSD). Flooding and rain-induced landslides may occur in highly to very highly susceptible areas during heavy or prolonged rainfall,” Pagasa added,

In Metro Manila, partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers will be observed due to localized thunderstorms, according to Pagasa in a separate daily weather update.

Areas placed under TCWS No. 3 (Winds of greater than 121 kph up to 170 kph may be experienced in at least 18 hours)

– Northern Samar	Pili	be expected in at least 36 hours or
– northern portion of Eastern Samar	Ocampo	intermittent rains may be expected
Samar	Tigaon	within 36 hours, is raised over the
Jipapad	Bula	following areas:
Arteche	Baao	– Cavite
Maslog	Sagnay	– Laguna
Dolores	Iriga City	– Batangas
Oras	Buhi	– Rizal
San Policarpio	Nabua	– Quezon
Can-avid	Balatan	– Marinduque
Taft	Bato	– eastern portion of Romblon
– northern portion of Samar	– Ticao Islands	Banton
Calbayog City	San Pascual	Corcuera
Sta. Margarita	Claveria	Romblon
Gandara	Monreal	Magdiwang
Pagsanghan	San Jacinto	Cajidiocan
San Jorge	San Fernando	San Fernando
Matuguinao	Batuan	– Biliran
San Jose de Buan	Aroroy	– the rest of Samar
TCWS No. 2, which means winds	Baleno	– the rest of Eastern Samar,
of greater than 61 kph and up to	Masbate City	– northern portion of Leyte
120 kph may be expected in at	Mobo	Calubian
least 24 hours, is also raised over	Uson	San Isidro
the following areas:	Dimasalang	Tabango
– Catanduanes	Palanas	Villaba
– eastern portion of Camarines Sur	Cataingan	Leyte
Siruma	Pio V. Corpuz	Kananga
Tinambac	– central part of Samar	Capoocan
Goa	Tarangnan	Carigara
Lagonoy	Catbalogan City	Barugo
San Jose,	Jiabong	San Miguel
Garchitorena,	Motiong	Babatngon
Presentacion,	Paranas	Tunga
Caramoan,	San Sebastian	Jaro
Calabanga,	Hinabangan	Alangalang
Bombon	Tagapul-an	Sta. Fe
Magarao	Almagro	Tacloban City
Canaman	Sto. Niño	Palo
Camaligan	– central part of Eastern Samar	Pastrana
Gainza	Sulat	Dagami
Pamplona	San Julian	Tabontabon
Naga City	Borongan City	Tanauan
Milaor	Maydolong	Tolosa
San Fernando	Meanwhile, TCWS No. 1, which	
Minalabac	means winds of 30 to 60 kph may	