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Philippines Tactical (UPDATE): Severe Tropical Storm Jolina maintains strength, Tropical Storm Kiko intensifies during morning hours (local time) on September 8; remain cognizant of local updates

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Please be advised:

- Severe Tropical Storm Jolina continued to maintain its strength while moving northwestward at 10 kph over Batangas during the morning hours (local time) on September 8. Maximum sustained winds of 95 kph, with gusts up to 130 kph were recorded near the center of the storm, in the vicinity of Rosaria, Batangas.
- Tropical Cyclone Wind Singal (TCWS) No. 2, warning of damaging gale-force to storm-force winds, was in effect in Bataan, Batangas, the southern portion of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, Marinduque, Metro Manila, the northern and central portions of Occidental Mindoro, the northern and central portions of Oriental Mindoro, the central and southern portions of Quezon, Rizal, Tarlac, and Zambales.
- TCWS No. 1, warning of strong winds, was in effect in the southern portion of Aurora, the southern portion of Benguet, the rest of Bulacan, Camarines Norte, the western portion of Camarines Sur, La Union, Nueva Ecija, the southern portion of Nueva Vizcaya, the rest of Occidental Mindoro, the rest of Oriental Mindoro, Pangasinan, the rest of Quezon including Polillo Islands, and the western portion of Romblon.
- Heavy to intense, with at times torrential, rainfall is anticipated in Bataan, Batangas, Camarines Provinces, Cavite, Laguna, Marinduque, Metro Manila, Mindoro provinces, Rizal, and Quezon. At least nine people were injured and one missing due to storm-induced heavy rainfall in Eastern Samar on September 7.
- Typhoon Chanthu (local name Kiko) was situated 1,120 km east of Central Luzon as of the morning hours on September 8. The storm system had intensified as it tracked southwestward at 20 kph with maximum sustained winds of 155 kph near the center and gusts up to 190 kph.
- As of writing, no TCWS was in effect due to Typhoon Kiko, but based on the track and intensity forecast, warning signals were anticipated to be raised in several provinces in Northern Luzon during the evening hours on September 8 or morning hours on September 9. Heavy rainfall may affect the eastern section of Northern Luzon on September 10.

Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing in the Philippines on September 8 and over the coming days are

- advised to maintain vigilance and remain cognizant of local authorities' updates in the aforementioned at-risk areas due to the inclement weather conditions.
- 2. Allot for disruptions to traffic and public utilities, and reconfirm all flight and overland travel itineraries.
- 3. Do not walk or drive through floodwaters.
- 4. In case of flood warnings, immediately evacuate to higher ground. Once higher ground has been reached, do not attempt to evacuate the wider region alone and seek professional assistance with evacuations.
- 5. Avoid contact with floodwater, including through bathing and drinking. Ensure adequate supply of bottled water; boil water before consumption as a last resort.
- 6. Confirm that places of stay have working generators in case of power outages while packing sufficient batteries and flashlights.
- 7. Charge essential electronic devices such as cellular phones, laptops, and tablet computers ahead of the planned power outage, and initiate energy-saving functions on these devices as needed.
- 8. Disconnect all surge-prone devices such as computers, televisions, and appliances to prevent potential damage.