



Update No. 1 Typhoon Saola hits Taiwan

3rd August 2012

Typhoon 'Saola' struck Taiwan between Wednesday 1st August 2012 and Thursday 2nd August 2012, resulting in flash flooding, mudslide and power outages throughout the island, in particular Yilan County.

Saola, with a radius of approximately 220km and a wind/gust of more than 173kph, approached Taiwan travelling in a northwesterly direction at a speed of 10kms per hour on Wednesday 1st August 2012. It first landed at Hualien County (East of Taiwan) at 3:20am Thursday 2 August 2012; however, due to its contact with land / Taiwan Central Mountain, it twirled and veered off the coast again and subsequently it made second landfall at Sandiaojiao (Northeastern tip of Taiwan) and left through the northern sea of Taiwan the same day, moving toward China. 'Saola' was also accompanied by torrential rains and more than 900mm of rainfall (from 00:00 31 July to 23:00 2 August 2012) was recorded in Northeastern, Central and Northern parts of the island, in particular Yilan County (1,785.5mm), Taichung City (1,201.5mm), Hsinchu County (1,072.5mm) and Miouli County (1,017.5mm).

According to Central Emergency Operation Center, as of 21:00 on 2 August 2012, 10 people had been reported killed, 15 were injured and 10 were missing. Some 19,443 residents were still without power while 8,440 residents were without water supply. A total of 106 international flights out of Taoyuan International Airport were cancelled and 14 international flights were delayed.

Our Taiwan office has been unaffected by the typhoon and is now responding to claims. Should you have claims which require our attention or need more information relevant to this event, please contact any of the individuals or offices shown below.

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