TROPICAL CYCLONE HAMOON
MYANMAR
FLASH UPDATE #1

OVERVIEW: According to DMH Myanmar, Tropical Cyclone (TC) HAMOON has moved Northeastwards and now lies over Northwest of Bay of Bengal and intensified into a severe cyclonic storm. TC HAMOON was located near 19.3N, 88.4E, approximately 482 km West-Southwest of Sittwe, Myanmar.

STRENGTH: According to the ASEAN DMRS, TC HAMOON, currently equivalent to a Category 1 hurricane (on the Saffir-Simpson scale), with maximum sustained winds of 130 km/h, and wind gusts up to 157 km/h.

DMH CYCLONE COLOR STAGE: The present stage of TC HAMOON is coded Yellow stage (DMH). Yellow color STAGE means a storm is formed but it not moving towards Myanmar Coast.

FORECAST:
- According to DMH Myanmar, TC HAMOON is likely continue to move North-Northeastwards.
- TC HAMOON is likely to cross Bangladesh coast during next 36 hrs (DMH).
- According to the global forecast model, TC HAMOON is expected to make landfall within the next 19 hours, along the shores of Bangladesh, with sustained winds of about 74 km/h.

HAZARDS:
- According to DMH Myanmar, there will widespread rain or thunderstorms over Chin and Rakhine; scattered to fairly widespread over Naypyitaw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, and Shan; and isolated heavy rainfall in some Regions and States.
- According to the ASEAN DMRS, at most breaking of tree branches and swaying of small to large trees (TAOS) over Rakhine (Maungdaw, Sittwe, Kyauktaw, and Mrauk-U) and Chin (Mindat, Hakha, and Falam).
- According to the ASEAN DMRS, at most 228.9 - 304.8 mm of Tropical Cyclone-associated rainfall is possible over Rakhine, Chin, and Magway.

PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE:
- DDM has disseminated the alert to Rakhine Authorities for the potential impacts of Tropical Cyclone HAMOON to Myanmar particularly to Rakhine State.
- Following the alert, the Rakhine Authorities are already on standby and have conducted several preparedness actions in anticipation of the potential impacts of Tropical Cyclone HAMOON (DDM).
- The AHA Centre will continue to monitor for further developments and issue necessary updates.