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Emergency Title:

Cyclonic Storm "SIDR" over East Central Bay

Emergency Location:

Bangladesh
20°22'N-26°36'N, 87°48'E-92°41'E,

Covering Period:

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Special Weather Bulletin

Current Situation: The severe Cyclonic Storm "SIDR" with a core of Hurricane winds over East Central Bay was centered at 06 AM today. Maritime port of mongla has been advised to lower warning signal no. Four but instead hoist great danger signal no. Ten (r) ten. Maritime ports of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar have been advised to lower warning signal no. Four but instead hoist great danger signal no. nine (r) nine. All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay have been advised to remain in shelter till further notice.

SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN (November 14, 2007 at 2200)

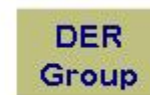
THE SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM "SIDR" (ECP 952 HPA) WITH A CORE OF HURRICANE WINDS OVER EAST CENTRAL BAY AND ADJOINING AREA MOVED NORTHWARDS AND WAS CENTERED AT 09 PM TODAY (THE 14TH NOVEMBER 2007) ABOUT 725 KMS SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF CHITTAGONG PORT, 645 KMS SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF COX'S BAZAR PORT AND 670 KMS SOUTH OF MONGLA PORT (NEAR LAT 16.3°N & LONG 89.2°E). IT IS LIKELY TO INTENSIFY FURTHER AND MOVE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND MAY CROSS KHULNA-BARISAL COAST BY NOON TOMORROW (THE 15TH NOVEMBER 2007)

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED WITHIN 74 KMS OF THE STORM CENTER IS ABOUT 190 KPH RISING TO 210 KPH IN GUSTS/SQUALLS. SEA WILL REMAIN VERY HIGH.

MARITIME PORT OF MONGLA HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO KEEP HOISTED GREAT DANGER SIGNAL NO. TEN (R) TEN. THE COASTAL DISTRICTS OF BHOLA, BARISAL, PATUAKHALI, BORGUNA, PIROZPUR, JHALOKATHI, BAGERHAT, KHULNA, SATKHIRA AND THEIR OFFSHORE INLANDS AND CHARS WILL COME UNDER THE GREAT DANGER SIGNAL NO. TEN (R) TEN.

MARITIME PORTS OF CHITTAGONG AND COX'S BAZAR HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO KEEP HOISETED GREAT DANGER SIGNAL NO. NINE (R) NINE. THE COASTAL DISTRICTS OF COX'S BAZAR,

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Situation Report

CHITTAGONG, NOAKHALI, FENI, LAXMIPUR, CHANDPUR AND THEIR OFFSHORE INLANDS AND CHARS WILL COME UNDER GREAT DANGER SIGNAL NO. NINE (R) NINE.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE STORM, THE COASTAL DISTRICTS OF COX'S BAZAR, CHITTAGONG, NOAKHALI, FENI, LAXMIPUR, BHOLA, BARISAL, PATUAKHALI, BORGUNA, CHANDPUR, PIROZPUR, JHALOKHATHI, BAGERHAT, KHULNA, SATKHIRA AND THEIR OFFSHORE INLANDS AND CHARS ARE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE SQUALLY WIND SPEED 120-150 KPH OR MORE FROM MORNING TOMORROW WHICH WILL GRADUALLY INCREASE UP TO 210 KPH WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE STORM.

THE LOW LYING AREAS OF THE COASTAL DISTRICTS OF COX'S BAZAR, CHITTAGONG, NOAKHALI, FENI, LAXMIPUR, BHOLA, BARISAL, PATUAKHALI, BORGUNA, CHANDPUR, PIROZPUR, JHALOKHATHI, BAGERHAT, KHULNA, SATKHIRA AND THEIR OFFSHORE INLANDS AND CHARS ARE LIKELY TO BE INUNDATED BY STORM SURGE OF HEIGHT 12-15 FEET ABOVE NORMAL ASTRONOMICAL TIDE.

ALL FISHING BOATS AND TRAWLERS OVER NORTH BAY MUST REMAIN IN SHELTER TILL FURTHER NOTICE.

[Source: Bangladesh Meteorological Department – BMD]

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

- The cyclonic storm "SIDR" is currently (14 November 2007, 09:00PM) about 725 kms south-southwest of Chittagong port, 645 kms south-south-west of Cox's Bazar Port and 670 kmssouth of Mongla port.
- On current track expected to hit near Mongla Port around noon tomorrow (Thursday).
- Mongla Port has been advised to hoist great danger signal number 10.
- Owing to unpredictable nature of cyclones Chittagong and Cox's Bazar have been advised to hoist great danger signal number 09.
- MoFDM have ordered the mobilization of CPP volunteers in accordance with established operating procedures.
- Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme has mobilized partner NGOs to support CPP
- Government disaster management system activated and coordinating pre-impact preparedness and evacuation
- DMIC has been activated and remains open round the clock to monitor and report on changing situations.
- Cyclones are known for their unpredictability so all inhabitants on the south coast should remain vigilant. Flash flooding could be the most severe impact regardless of wind speeds.
- Control Room of the Directorate of Relief and Rehabilitation of the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management is communicating with all District Relief and Rehabilitation Offices (DRROs) of the coastal districts for evacuation. Several DRROs informed that evacuation preparations are completed. Cox's Bazar DRRO informed that evacuation has already been started there.
- Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) instructed the District Disaster Management Committees (DDMC) and Emergency Response Resources of coastal districts to stand by. Coastguard and Bangladesh Navy are also ready to cope with any disaster situation. Disaster emergency control room has been opened in every coastal district and officers are already deployed for control rooms.

Next report will be issued at 0700 tomorrow (15 November 2007) or as the situation demands.

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