

Furious Typhoon Slams Okinawa and Moves on Towards Korean Peninsula

Typhoon Bolaven, with gusts reaching 259 kilometers per hour, crossed the Japanese island of Okinawa on Sunday. The strongest storm in nearly half a century brought downpour in the region, which was expected to top 500 mm in 24 hours. No critical damage was reported due to the solid structure of buildings; private residences and infrastructure in the storm-weary region are made to bear the strikes of furious weather events. While the worst moment for Okinawa had passed, the Korean peninsula is to be watchful as Bolaven moves northwards.

When Typhoon Tembin made landfall at Chinese Taipei two days ago, Bolaven detained its movement towards Hong Kong and induced the “Fujiwhara Effect.” As Bolaven moved up towards Okinawa, Tembin was predicted to make second landfall in southern Chinese Taipei on Tuesday morning.