

Typhoon Rammasun batters central Philippines

Typhoon Rammasun is the first to make landfall this year after the rainy season began in June. It barrelled across the island with gusts of up to 185km/h. At least 20 people had been killed by the storm. The eye of the storm passed south of the capital, Manila, but the severe weather brought it to a standstill. At least five people missing. More than 370,000 people, mostly in the eastern province of Albay which was the first to be hit by the typhoon, had been evacuated. The storm went in the South China Sea and reached China. Strong winds also bore down on homes in outlying slum areas along Manila Bay.