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Tropical Activity Western Pacific – Super Typhoon Mawar

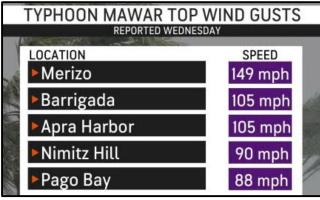
- Super Typhoon Mawar has intensified to a Category 5-equivalent hurricane with winds of 165 mph in the open Pacific Ocean waters Thursday after lashing
- Mawar is 195 miles north-northwest of Guam moving west-northwest at 8 mph.

Guam

- Guam residents left their homes and shelters Thursday to assess the damages from Super Typhoon Mawar, which cut power to most of the island and thrashed around debris overnight with 140 mph winds.
- The central and northern parts of the island received more than 2 feet of rain as the eyewall passed, and most of Guam received about a foot of rain during the storm, said Brandon Aydlett, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.
- The island's international airport flooded, and the swirling storm churned up a storm surge and waves that crashed through coastal reefs.
- The worst of the storm hit the island Wednesday afternoon, severing power to most residents and businesses, and continued with strong winds into the night. Approximately 51,000 (98%) customers are without power.
- The National Weather Service in Guam said all Typhoon Warnings have been discontinued as the monster storm slowly moves away from the battered region.
- The island's Joint Information Center reports no major injuries or deaths have been reported so far as of Thursday evening, local time.
- The U.S. Coast Guard has started to spread out across the island of Guam to begin damage assessments and cleanup efforts.
- U.S. Coast Guard helicopters have arrived from Hawaii and are conducting flyovers of the island to get a better assessment of the damage associated with Typhoon Mawar, and more support and supplies are en route to Guam from Hawaii.
- The Won Pat International Airport remains closed with a 6/1 estimate for reopening. GU Andersen Air Force Base is operational for rotary wing only.

Rota

- The Mayor of Rota Aubry Hocog told KUAM this morning that the winds were strong and they are waiting for the cancellation of typhoon Condition I to assess the damage.
- Rota residents were in the dark as the island lost complete power and water Wednesday night. All 942 (100%) customers are without power.
- The federal government, with over 100 FEMA personnel in the Marianas, is preparing to go to Rota once they're able to.





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- Brady Penn, an External Affairs Officer for FEMA Region 9 told KUAM, "We also have pre-staged commodities like food, water, generators, and shelter that are being deployed throughout the islands as needed. Obviously, Rota is of particular concern."
- The response also includes the American Red Cross, which is sending 200 disaster workers to the Marianas.
- John Hirsh, the Exec. Director of CNMI American Red Cross, said, "We are planning on definitely sending volunteers and staff to Rota and we will be doing...a preliminary damage assessment, detailed damage assessment, and then working with the community to find the best path forward for the recovery."
- The Commissioner of Education said 144 people sought shelter during the storm. 32 people sought shelter on Rota.
- 2 of the 3 airports in the CNMI remain open with daytime operations only.

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| 4697 MS | Severe Storms & Tornadoes | 6 Counties | 55 | 5/25/2023 |
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