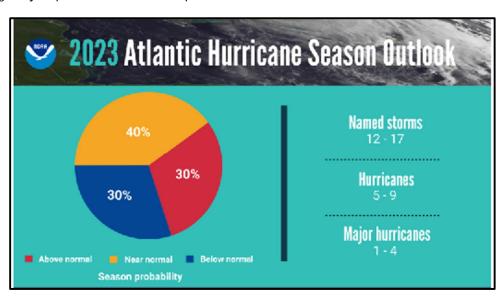


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## 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook (Updated)

- NOAA forecasters predict near-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic this year. NOAA's
  outlook for the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season, which goes from June 1 to Nov. 30, predicts a
  40% chance of a near-normal season, a 30% chance of an above-normal season and a 30%
  chance of a below-normal season.
- NOAA is forecasting a range of 12 to 17 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 5 to 9 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 1 to 4 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA has a 70% confidence in these ranges.
- NOAA's Climate Prediction Center will update the 2023 Atlantic seasonal outlook in early August, just prior to the historical peak of the season.



# Typhoon Mawar Guam

- Much of the U.S. Western Pacific territory of Guam was without power and water on Thursday
  after a typhoon packing ferocious winds and torrential rains battered the island but caused no
  reported fatalities or major injuries.
- A high surf warning remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2023. Dangerously large breaking waves of 10 to 15 feet are expected in the surf zone of south and west-facing reefs.
- Guam residents were ordered to boil their water until further notice as crews repaired generators damaged by Typhoon Mawar, according to local media and the Guam Waterworks Authority.
- None of the 170,000 people who live on Guam was killed or suffered major injuries in the storm.



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- About 690 people were staying at shelters across the island, Guam Homeland Security said in a statement.
- Passengers looking to leave or get to the island will have to wait until at least next Tuesday, as the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport works to get operations back online in the wake of Typhoon Mawar.
- With the exception of humanitarian and cargo flights, there are no flights operating at this time.
- President Joe Biden has declared Guam a major disaster area and ordered federal aid to help with local recovery efforts for areas affected by Typhoon Mawar beginning on May 22. This declaration provides public assistance and hazard mitigation territory-wide.
- Damage assessments are continuing, and additional forms of assistance may be designated after the assessments are fully completed.
- Some 150 FEMA officials are already on Guam, according to a statement issued by the Del.
   James Moylan on Friday, just before the disaster declaration.

### CNMI

- Several hours after Typhoon Mawar barreled through the Rota channel on its way outside the Marianas region, Gov. Arnold I. Palacios finally gave the "all clear" signal yesterday for all three islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.
- Palacios disclosed in a separate press briefing yesterday that both Saipan and Tinian sustained no damage, aside from debris but those that have been reported were minor and have been cleared.
- Mayor Aubry Hocog told Variety Thursday that there were no injuries, casualties, or major damage reported on Rota, despite Super Typhoon Mawar's 140 mph winds.
- "We are very blessed to report that there are no serious injuries or major damage to our island. During the preliminary assessment, we had some fallen trees and other debris that were blocking road access. We immediately cleared that to ensure that our emergency personnel would be able to transport any of our Rota residents to the hospital if need be," Hocog told Saipan Tribune.
- Mayor of Rota Aubry Hocog told KUAM Friday," We have our government facilities already
  inspected and now we are going to move into the residential areas. We are activating personnel
  to have them undergo training today to fill out forms as part of the individual assistance
  program under FEMA."
- Those house-to-house surveys are expected to begin on Sunday to help residents document damages after Typhoon Mawar.
- Power was restored to the Rota Health Center and nearby residences, but about 800 residents
  and facilities are still in the dark. Water is restored to the island but under a boil water advisory.
- As of 8 a.m. Friday, 13 people were still in the Rota shelter seeking help after their homes were damaged by Mawar.



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WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters				
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4671 PR	Hurricane Fiona	78 Municipalities	245	11/21/2022
4697 MS	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	6 Counties	56	5/25/2023
4701 TN	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	10 Counties	47	6/6/2023
4709 FL	Flood	1 County	21	6/27/2023

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