



# Typhoon Molave: Vietnam

## Why in News

Recently, **Vietnam** has been hit by one of its biggest storms in two decades - Typhoon Molave.

- Vietnam is **prone to natural disasters** in the rainy season between June and November, with central coastal provinces commonly impacted, but the storms have notably worsened in recent years.



## Key Points

- Typhoon is a **regionally specific name** for a strong **"tropical cyclone"**.
  - Tropical cyclones are known as **'typhoons'** in the **northwest pacific ocean**, **hurricanes** in the **North Atlantic Ocean**, **Willy-willies** in **north-western Australia** and **Tropical Cyclones** in the **Indian Ocean Region**.
- A tropical cyclone is a **generic term** used by meteorologists to describe a **rotating, organized system of clouds and thunderstorms** that originates over tropical or subtropical waters and has closed, low-level circulation.
  - Tropical cyclones **rotate counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere**.
  - These are measured by the **Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale**.

- **Naming of Typhoons:** The **Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre (RSMC) Tokyo - Typhoon Centre** assigns a tropical cyclone a name from the five lists. The name '**Molave**' is contributed by the **Philippines**.

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