



Typhoon Rai

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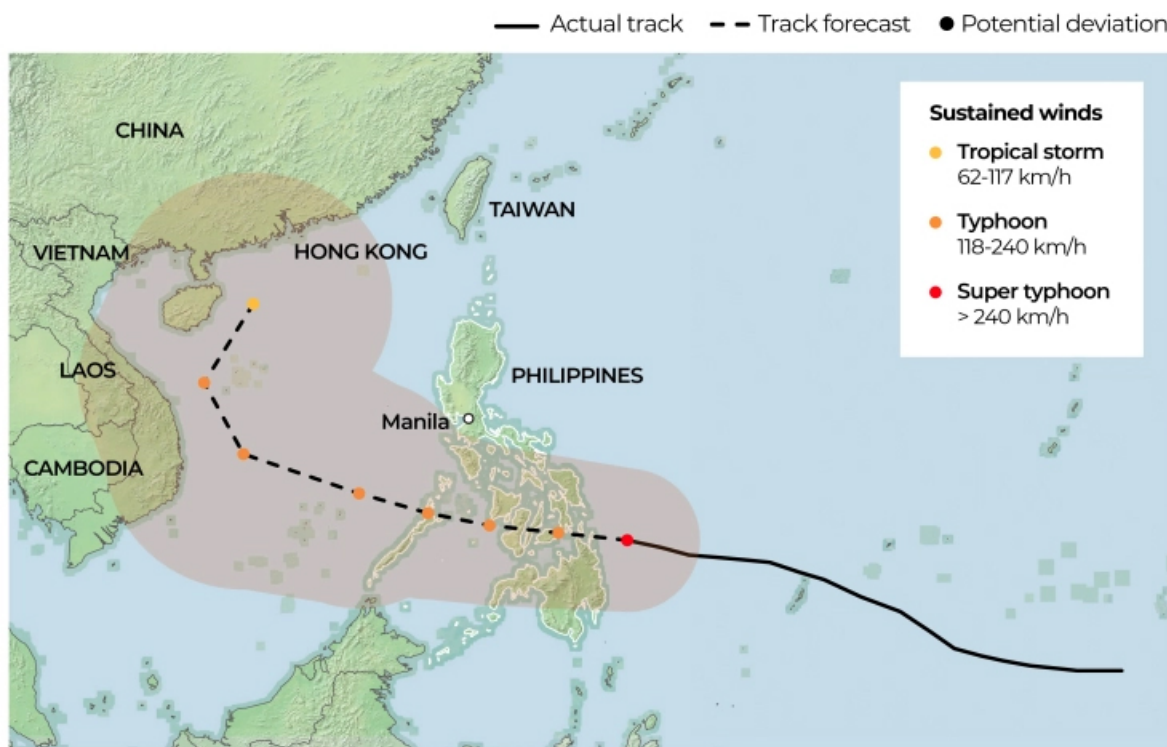
The official death toll of **Typhoon Rai** (locally named Odette) **which hit parts of the Philippines** in mid-December, was raised to 388.

- Rai is the **strongest storm** to hit the disaster-prone archipelago this year (2021).

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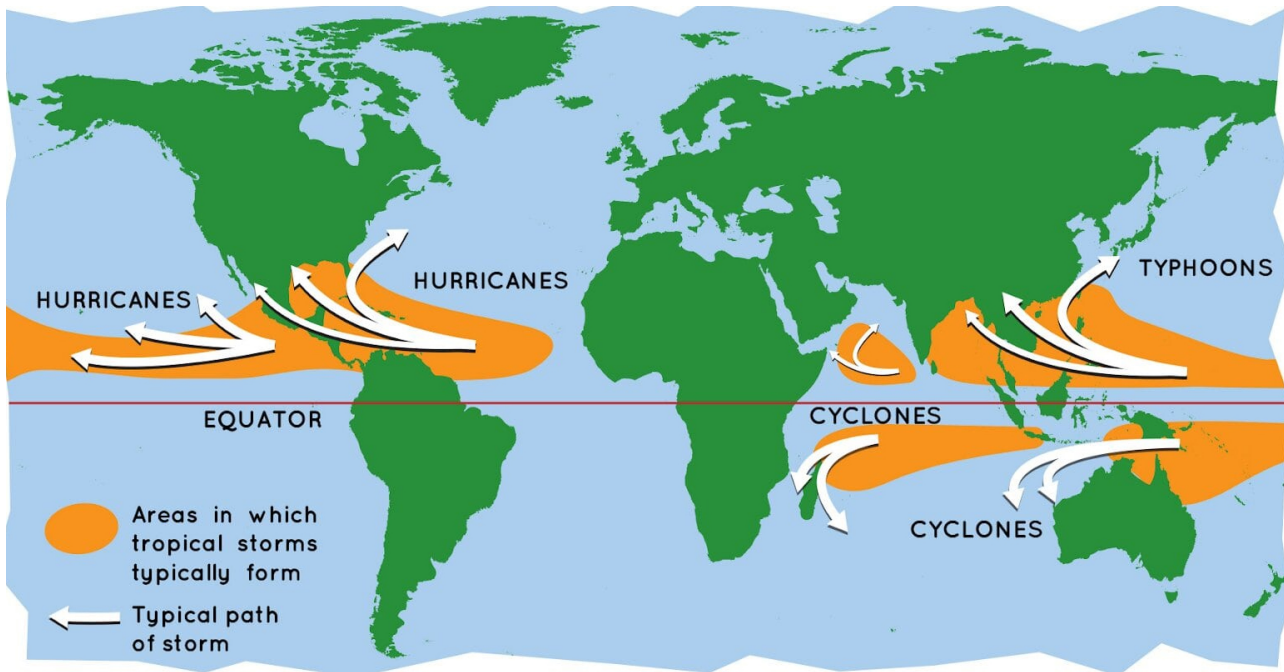
Category 4 storm Typhoon Rai has made landfall in the Southeast Asian nation. Tens of thousands of people have been evacuated from the country's central and southern coastal areas.



Key Points

- Typhoons are a kind of storm. The storms, depending on where they occur, may be called **hurricanes, typhoons or cyclones**.
 - **Typhoons:** In the China Sea and Pacific Ocean.

- **Hurricanes:** In the West Indian islands in the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.
- **Tornados:** In the Guinea lands of West Africa and southern USA.
- **Willy-willies:** In north-western Australia and
- **Tropical Cyclones:** In the Indian Ocean Region.
- The scientific name for all these kinds of storms is **tropical cyclones**.
 - Tropical cyclones are intense circular storms that originate over the warm tropical oceans **with speed more than 119 kilometres per hour and heavy rains**.
 - Tropical cyclones **rotate counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere**.
- The **Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre (RSMC) Tokyo - Typhoon Centre** assigns a typhoon a name. The name 'Rai' is contributed by Micronesia.



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