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Lao PDR

Lao PDR prepared for flash floods and landslide from Typhoon Ragasa. As of 23 September 2025, the Lao weather bureau issued a flash flood and landslide warning as Typhoon Ragasa was expected to bring thunderstorms, heavy rainfall, and strong winds across the country. Local authorities also urged residents to remain alert and prepare for the impacts of Typhoon Ragasa.

Source: Xinhua. (2025, Sep 23). *Laos on alert as Typhoon Ragasa brings torrential rain.*

Philippines

Super Typhoon Ragasa wreaked havoc the Philippines. On 22 September 2025, Super Typhoon Ragasa made landfall on Calayan Island in Cagayan province, the Philippines, bringing heavy rainfall and raising the risk of storm surges exceeding three metres. The Babuyan Island remained under a high-level storm warning signal, with residents advised to stay away from coastal areas and riverbanks. Businesses and classes across Metro Manila and large parts of Luzon were suspended as outer rainbands began lashing the region, prompting warnings of power outages, landslides, floods, and dangerous seas. Around 20 domestic flights were cancelled, especially at Luzon's main hubs, while seaports suspended ferry services.

Source: Reuters. (2025, Sep 23). *Super Typhoon Ragasa through northern Philippines, triggers alerts across region.*

Thailand

Flooding killed four people in Thailand. As of 23 September 2025, the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation reported four fatalities caused by flooding in the central region of Thailand. More than 250,000 people across several provinces in the Chao Phraya River Basin were affected by annual monsoon floods. Heavy rainfall was forecast to continue in the northern, central, and eastern provinces until 26 September 2025. Residents were advised to remain alert for potential flash floods.

Source: The Straits Times. (2025, Sep 23). *Four dead in Thailand monsoon floods.*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam boosted emergency response to Typhoon Ragasa. Viet Nam Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh signed an emergency order on 23 September 2025 to implement rapid-response measures as powerful Typhoon Ragasa approached. Heavy rainfall brought by the typhoon was expected to stuck the northern provinces and the north-central regions of Thanh Hoa and Nghe An on 25 September 2025, posing a risk of flash floods, landslides, dam safety breaches, and urban flooding in low-lying areas. Local authorities were instructed to actively monitor the situation, prepare for worst-case scenarios and be ready for relocating residents before the arrival of typhoon. Many domestic and international flights were adjusted to ensure the safety of the passengers and crew.

Source: Vietnam Net. (2025, Sep 23). *Vietnam mobilizes nationwide storm response as Super Typhoon Ragasa nears; Vietnam News.* (2025, Sep 23). *Numerous flights affected by super Typhoon Ragasa.*

China

Typhoon Ragasa forced over 400,000 people in China to evacuate. On 23 September 2025, schools and businesses in at least 10 cities were closed ahead of Super Typhoon Ragasa's impact on southern China. In Shenzhen, 400,000 people were evacuated amid warnings of severe winds, heavy rain, high waves, landfall, and severe flooding. Tens of millions of people and numerous factories were affected by precautionary measures. Railways and airlines were suspended, while some arrival and departure flights in Hong Kong were also cancelled. Schools in affected areas remained closed until at least 25 September 2025.

Source: The Straits Times. (2025, Sep 23). *China orders schools, business shut in 10 cities as Super Typhoon Ragasa nears;* NHK. (2025, Sep 23). *Powerful Typhoon Ragasa approached southern China, Hong Kong.*

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