



SITUATION

- Tropical Cyclone MAYSAK formed in the northern Pacific Ocean, near Pohnpei island, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), on 27 March and started moving west, intensifying rapidly. On 30 March, 6:00 UTC, its centre was located approx. 130 km north-east of Faraulep island, Yap State (FSM) and it was a **Typhoon** with max. sustained wind speed of 167km/h.
- It affected Chuuk State with **strong winds and heavy rainfall**. As of 30 March, some damage to houses and power lines was reported (UN OCHA). Media reported at least four people killed in Chuuk State.
- In the next 48h, MAYSAK is forecast to move west-northwest, towards Yap island, **intensifying significantly**. Its center is forecast to pass north of Faraulep island in the afternoon of 30 March and reach the islands of **Fais, Ulithi and Yap** on 31 March, as a very intense Typhoon. Afterwards it is forecast to continue north-west towards northern Philippines, slightly weakening.
- On 30 March - 1 April **very strong winds, heavy rainfall and storm surge** could affect the islands of **Yap State**. As of 30 March, 12:00 UTC (NOAA), a **Typhoon Warning** is in effect for **Faraulep, Fais, Ulithi** (Yap State), as well as a Tropical Storm Warning for Yap island and Woleai (Yap State). A Typhoon Watch is also in effect for Yap.

Sources: [GDACS](#), [ECHO](#), [UN OCHA](#), [NOAA](#), [SPC](#), [Media](#)

Relevant Tropical Cyclones in Micronesia

- HAIYAN - Nov 2013:** Before reaching the Philippines, HAIYAN affected Chuuk and Yap states, causing some damage to houses and crops.
- SUDAL - Apr 2004:** it hit the island of Yap, as an intense Typhoon. 700 houses were destroyed and another 900 were damaged. In the whole Micronesia, it affected over 6 000 people and killed five .
- LUPIT - Nov 2003:** It affected Chuuk and Yap States, as a Typhoon. 1 000 people were affected and several houses and homes were damaged.
- CHATA'AN - Jul 2002:** it moved through Chuuk State, as a Tropical storm. Heavy rains caused severe flooding in Chuuk State, killing 47 people, injuring another 100 and affecting more than 1 400 people.
- PONGSONA - Mar 2002:** it hit Pohnpei and Chuuk States, as a Tropical Storm; 175 people were affected.

Sources: [CRED](#), [UN OCHA](#)