

Tropical cyclone warnings of Signal No. 8 or above issued by the Observatory during the passage of Hope in August 1979

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 7:20 a.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal was hoisted at 7:00 a.m.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 34 knots or more are expected from the northeast quarter.

At 7 a.m., Typhoon Hope was centred about 170 nautical miles east of Hong Kong and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at 16 knots towards Hong Kong.

Typhoon Hope is still intense with winds near its centre in excess of 100 knots.

The centre is expected to pass within 60 nautical miles later today.

Initially, winds will blow from the north. Many parts of Hong Kong including Victoria Harbour are sheltered from northerly winds. And therefore their strength should not be taken as a true indication of the intensity of the typhoon.

Gales are not expected until this afternoon.

Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass.

Do not telephone the Royal Observatory for information. Weather information is being broadcast every half hour and at 2 minutes to the hour.

Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.

Small boat owners still have time to complete arrangements for the safety of their boats.

At 7 a.m., the centre of the typhoon was near 21.8 degrees north, 117.2 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 8:15 a.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal is still hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 34 knots or more are expected from the northeast quarter.

At 8 a.m., Typhoon Hope was centred about 150 nautical miles east of Hong Kong and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at 16 knots.

Typhoon Hope is moving in the general direction of Hong Kong and is expected to come within

50 nautical miles later this afternoon. Winds near its centre are estimated to be in excess of 100 knots. Initially winds will blow from the north, many parts of Hong Kong including Victoria Harbour are sheltered from the full force of the northerlies and because of this gales are not expected to set in until this afternoon. However the onset of gales is likely to be sudden, you should therefore:

Complete all precautions in your home as soon as possible. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass.

Now is the time to decide which rooms you will use for shelter if the windows on the exposed side of your home become broken.

Small boat owners should hurry to complete arrangements for the safety of their boats.

Do not telephone the Royal Observatory for information. Weather information is being broadcast every half hour and at 2 minutes to the hour.

At 8 a.m., the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 21.9 degrees north, 116.8 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 9:15 a.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal is still hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 34 knots or more are expected from the northeast quarter.

At 9 a.m., Typhoon Hope was centred about 140 nautical miles east of Hong Kong and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at 16 knots towards Hong Kong.

Typhoon Hope is still intense with winds near its centre in excess of 100 knots.

The centre is expected to pass within 50 nautical miles of Hong Kong later this afternoon when gales are expected to set in. Therefore:

Complete all precautions in your home as soon as possible. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass.

Now is the time to decide which rooms you will use for shelter if the windows on the exposed side of your home become broken.

Do not telephone the Royal Observatory for information. Weather information is being broadcast every half hour and at 2 minutes to the hour.

At 9 a.m., the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 22.0 degrees north, 116.6 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 10:15 a.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal is still hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 34 knots or more are expected from the northeast quarter.

At 10 a.m., Typhoon Hope was centred about 110 nautical miles east of Hong Kong and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at 16 knots.

Typhoon Hope is still moving in the general direction of Hong Kong and is expected to be closest later this afternoon. If Hope continues to move as forecast, winds, which are already freshening will become generally strong around midday and increase to gale force during the afternoon. Between 50 to 100 millimetres of rain are expected for the 24 hour period commencing at noon.

Complete all precautions in your home as soon as possible. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass.

Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.

If you intend to return home, you should do so soon.

Do not telephone the Royal Observatory for information. Weather information is being broadcast every half hour and at 2 minutes to the hour.

At 10 a.m., the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 22.2 degrees north, 116.2 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 11:15 a.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest Gale or Storm Signal was hoisted at 11 a.m.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 34 knots or more are expected from the northwest quarter.

At 11a.m., Typhoon Hope was centred about 80 nautical miles east of Hong Kong and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at about 20 knots.

Winds over Hong Kong already are strong. Gusts of 53 knots have been recorded at Tate's Cairn and 47 knots at Cheung Chau during the past hour.

The eye of Hope is being tracked by radar. It is moving more rapidly and is now expected to cross the south China coast close to the east of Hong Kong.

Winds which are now strong are forecast to increase to gale force from the northwest. And therefore the number 8 Northeast Signal was replaced by the number 8 Northwest Gale or Storm Signal at 11a.m.

During the passage of Typhoon Hope, sea levels are expected to be about 1.5 to 2 metres above normal tide heights. This may give rise to some flooding in the low-lying areas this evening and tonight.

Complete all precautions in your home as soon as possible. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available.

Now is the time to decide which rooms you will use for shelter if the windows on the exposed side of your home become broken.

If you intend to return home, you should do so now.

Do not telephone the Royal Observatory for information. Weather information is being broadcast every half hour and at 2 minutes to the hour.

At 11 a.m., the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 22.4 degrees north, 115.7 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 12:15 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest Gale or Storm Signal is still hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 34 knots or more are expected from the northwest quarter.

At noon, Typhoon Hope was centred about 60 nautical miles east of Tate's Cairn Radar Station and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at about 20 knots towards Hong Kong.

Winds over Hong Kong are reaching gale force in some places. Gusts of 73 knots have been recorded at Tate's Cairn and 58 knots at Cheung Chau during the past hour.

Typhoon Hope is being tracked by the Royal Observatory radar. It is moving rapidly and the centre is expected to be very close to Hong Kong later this afternoon.

Gales are forecast to increase during the next few hours. Barometric pressure is falling rapidly.

Sea levels are expected to be about one and a half to two metres above normal tide heights this evening and tonight. This may give rise to some flooding in the low-lying areas.

Complete all precautions in your home as soon as possible. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available.

Now is the time to decide which rooms you will use for shelter if the windows on the exposed side of your home become broken.

If you intend to return home, you should do so now.

Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.

Do not telephone the Royal Observatory for information. Weather information is being broadcast every half hour and at 2 minutes to the hour.

At noon, the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 22.4 degrees north, 115.2 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 12:40 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The Increase Gale or Storm Signal, No. 9, was hoisted at 12:35 p.m.

This means that winds are expected to increase significantly as Hope moves closer to Hong Kong.

At 12:30 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred only 45 nautical miles east of Tate's Cairn Radar Station and is forecast to move west at about 24 knots towards Hong Kong.

Gales are blowing over Hong Kong and are expected to increase rapidly to storm force.

Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

At 12:30 p.m., the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 22.4 degrees north, 115.0 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 1:15 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, was hoisted at 1 p.m.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 64 knots or more are expected.

At 1 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred only 30 nautical miles east of Tate's Cairn Radar Station and is forecast to move west at about 25 knots towards Hong Kong.

Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

At 1 p.m., the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 22.4 degrees north, 114.8 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 1:30 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, was hoisted at 1 p.m.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 64 knots or more are expected.

At 1:30 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred only 25 nautical miles east-northeast of Tate's Cairn Radar Station and the centre is forecast to move west at about 25 knots across Hong Kong.

Winds over Hong Kong have reached storm force. Gusts of 98 knots have been recorded at Cheung Chau during the past hour.

Heavy rain and violent squalls are expected to persist.

Sea levels are forecast to be about one and a half to two metres above normal tide heights this afternoon and tonight. This together with the heavy rain may give rise to some flooding in low-lying areas.

Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 2 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, was hoisted at 1 p.m.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 64 knots or more are expected.

At 2 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred over Mirs Bay and was moving west at 25 knots across the northern part of the New Territories.

Hurricane force winds in Hong Kong are now turning to a southwesterly direction and are expected to persist during the next hour.

Tides are currently running at about two metres in Victoria Harbour but four metres in Tolo Harbour. Flooding is expected to occur in low-lying areas.

Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 2:30 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 remains hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 64 knots or more are expected.

At 2 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred over the northern part of the New Territories and was moving west at 25 knots.

Storm to hurricane force winds from the west are affecting all of Hong Kong and will turn to southwesterly, as the centre of Typhoon Hope passes across the northern part of Hong Kong. Gusts of 126 knots have been recorded at the Star Ferry Kowloon and 123 knots at Tate's Cairn during the past hour.

Tides are currently running at about 4 metres in Tolo Harbour and 2.3 metres in Victoria Harbour. Flooding is expected to occur over low-lying areas.

Heavy rain and violent squalls are forecast to continue.

Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 3 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 remains hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 64 knots or more are expected.

At 3 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred over the New Territories and is forecast to move west at about 25 knots.

Storm to hurricane force winds are still affecting all of Hong Kong. Gusts of 128 knots have been recorded at the Star Ferry Kowloon and 107 knots at Waglan Island during the past hour.

Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 3:30 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 remains hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 64 knots or more are expected.

At 3:30 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred over the northwestern part of Hong Kong and is beginning to move away towards the west at about 20 knots towards the Pearl River Estuary.

Although Typhoon Hope is beginning to move away from Hong Kong, you are advised to stay indoors.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 4 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 remains hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 64 knots or more are expected.

At 4 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred over the Pearl River Estuary and is forecast to move west at 20 knots towards western Guangdong (Kwangtung).

Gusts of 110 knots have been recorded at Waglan Island and 100 knots at Cheung Chau during the past hour.

Sea levels in Victoria Harbour are currently running at 3.1 metres and are not forecast to fall for some time. Flooding is expected over low-lying areas.

Although the typhoon is moving away from Hong Kong, you are advised to stay indoors until the winds moderate.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 5 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal was hoisted at 4:45 p.m.

Winds with mean speeds of 34 knots or more are expected from the south or southeast.

At 5 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred about 45 nautical miles west of Tate's cairn Radar Station and is forecast to move west at about 18 knots into western Guangdong (Kwangtung).

Gusts of 98 knots have been recorded at Tate's Cairn and 88 knots at Cheung Chau during the past hour.

Although the typhoon is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. You are advised to stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

At 5 p.m., the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 22.4 degrees north, 113.4 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 6 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal is still hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 34 knots or more are expected from the southeast quarter.

At 6 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred about 60 nautical miles west of Hong Kong and is forecast to move west at 18 knots into western Guangdong (Kwangtung).

Gales are still blowing with gusts of 80 knots reported at Tate's Cairn and 76 knots at Cheung Chau during the past hour.

Although the typhoon is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. You are advised to stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

At 6 p.m., the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 22.4 degrees north, 113.1 degrees east.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 7 p.m. 2 August 1979 by the Royal Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal is still hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 34 knots or more are expected from the southeast quarter.

At 7 p.m., Typhoon Hope was centred about 70 nautical miles west of Hong Kong and is forecast to move west at 16 knots across western Guangdong (Kwangtung) and weaken gradually.

Winds over Hong Kong are still of gale force strength. Gusts of 67 knots have been recorded at Cheung Chau during the past hour.

Although the typhoon is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. You are advised to stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

At 7 p.m., the centre of Typhoon Hope was near 22.4 degrees north, 113.0 degrees east.

(Note: The Hong Kong Observatory was known as the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong during the period from 1912 to 30 June 1997.)