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## SUPER TYPHOON GONI RIPS THROUGH THE PHILIPPINES

Goni – known as Rolly in the Philippines – is the most powerful storm to hit the country since Typhoon Haiyan killed more than 6,000 people in 2013.

At least 10 people died and three others were missing after Typhoon Goni. An initial government report showed. More than 300 houses were buried under volcanic rocks and mud flows from Mayon Volcano in severely hit Albay province in the Bicol region.

Storm surges hit some coastal towns, while rivers overflowed and dikes were destroyed, submerging several villages in Bicol.



Source: [BBC.uk/news/world-asia](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia)

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## Typhoon Vamco, the Philippines' deadliest of the year, kills at least 67 people

At least 67 people have died and others are missing after Typhoon Vamco made landfall in the Philippines last 11th of November. Flooding on the largest island, Luzon, caused landslides, cut off roads and forced many to flee their homes. Tens of thousands of people have sought shelter in evacuation centres, including in the capital Manila.

The typhoon, known locally as Ulysses, is the 21st storm to hit the country this year. It comes just one week after the Philippines was hit by Goni, the most powerful typhoon seen in the country in seven years.

The Philippines is used to tropical storms and typhoons, but this year's preparation and response efforts have been hampered by the spread of coronavirus.



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## Malaysia stands firm on not deporting Uyghurs, risking Beijing's anger

As China rails at the United States for removing from its list of terror groups the Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), which Beijing blames for terror attacks in Xinjiang province, a move by Malaysia has garnered a muted response.



The Muslim-majority country in September quietly revealed in a parliamentary reply that it would never extradite Uyghurs who had fled China even if the request came directly from Beijing. There was no public announcement.

It marked the first time Malaysia had stated its position on the Uyghurs and was in stark contrast to neighbouring Indonesia, which recently deported three Uyghurs back to China in a move that was never publicly confirmed by either side.

Source: South China Morning Post

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## Damage, injuries as Typhoon Vamco hits Vietnam

Storm Vamco barrelled into Vietnam on Sunday (Nov 15), damaging buildings and injuring at least five people. The storm made landfall on Sunday morning with winds of up to 90kmh, according to media reports, uprooting trees and blowing the roofs off houses and schools.

Vamco is the latest in a series of storms that have pummelled Vietnam over the past six weeks causing flooding and landslides that have killed at least 159 people and left 70 others missing.

Authorities evacuated nearly 650,000 people from seven coastal provinces to higher and safer ground before the storm hit to try to reduce casualties. Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Nguyen Xuan Cuong told the VNExpress news website he hoped the precautions would minimise the storm's impact.



Source: Al Jazeera.com/news

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## NLD official winner of Myanmar polls

Myanmar's election commission officially confirmed the victory of Ms Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy on Friday (Nov 13), as the powerful military steered clear of demands by some that it help restage the Nov 8 general election.

By Friday afternoon, the NLD had officially won at least 384 out of the 476 seats contested, putting it on track to better its commanding performance in the 2015 polls. Votes are still being tallied.

The second election since the end of junta rule in Myanmar was held amid a raging coronavirus pandemic, but one that voters generally shrugged off to hand the NLD a strong mandate under the country's power-sharing system.



The 2008 junta-drafted Constitution guarantees the military control of a quarter of all parliamentary seats as well as the defence, border affairs and home affairs ministry.

Source: The Straits Times

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## First man charged under Hong Kong security law pleads not guilty

The first person charged under a sweeping security law imposed on Hong Kong by China earlier this year pleaded not guilty, setting the stage for a landmark trial in the coming months.



Tong Ying Kit, 24, entered the plea on charges of incitement to secession and engaging in terrorist activities during an appearance on Monday (Nov 16) at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Court. Chief Magistrate So Wai Tak kept Tong in custody and transferred his case to the High Court for trial.

The case is being closely watched for clues to how the government intends to handle the national security law, which lawyers say contains provisions that might conflict with Hong Kong's Common Law-based legal tradition.

Source: The Straits Times