

Triple typhoon threat buffets Philippines

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MANILA, Philippines -- Typhoon Mitag, packing winds of up to 100 mph, battered the Philippines Monday while another storm threatened a second strike and a third loomed offshore. Mitag killed at least seven people due to flooding and electrocution in the Bicol region, and two others were reported missing, the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Services Administration reported. The typhoon sustained winds of 85 mph and gusts up to 100 mph when it arrived at dawn, 25 miles northwest of Tuguegarao City, the Pacific News Center reported. Forecasters said Tropical Depression Hagibis would make its second landfall in northwestern Palawan late Tuesday evening, and another unnamed storm swirled to the southeast of the islands, AsianJournal.com reported. Meteorologists said Mitag was responsible for shifting the path of Hagibis back for a second strike after it crossed Northern Mindanao last week and killed 14 people, the report said. Nearly 200,000 people were in emergency shelters Monday, federal and local authorities said.

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