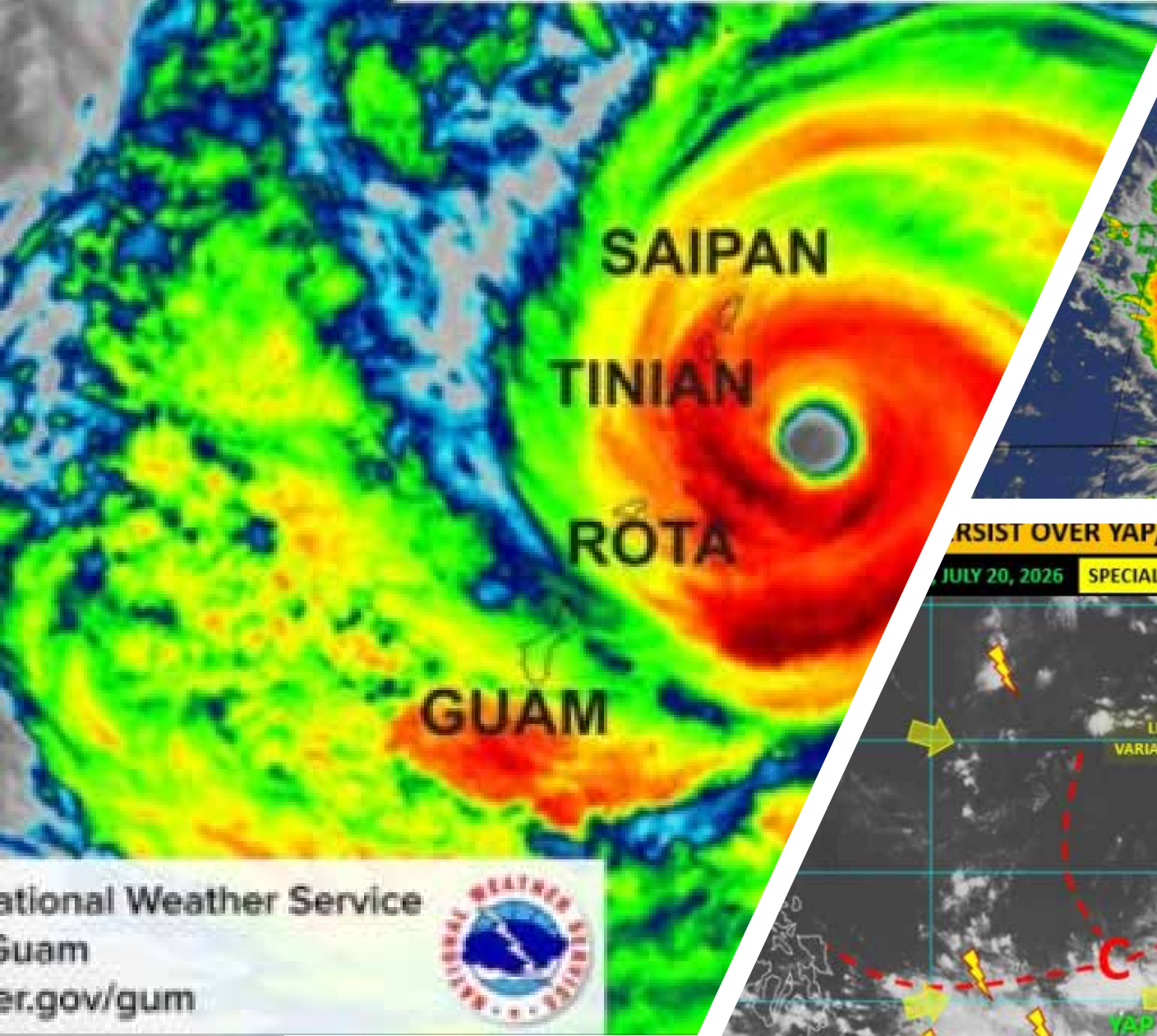


# Infrared Imagery of STY Sinlak

Tuesday, 14 April 2026 at 1:57

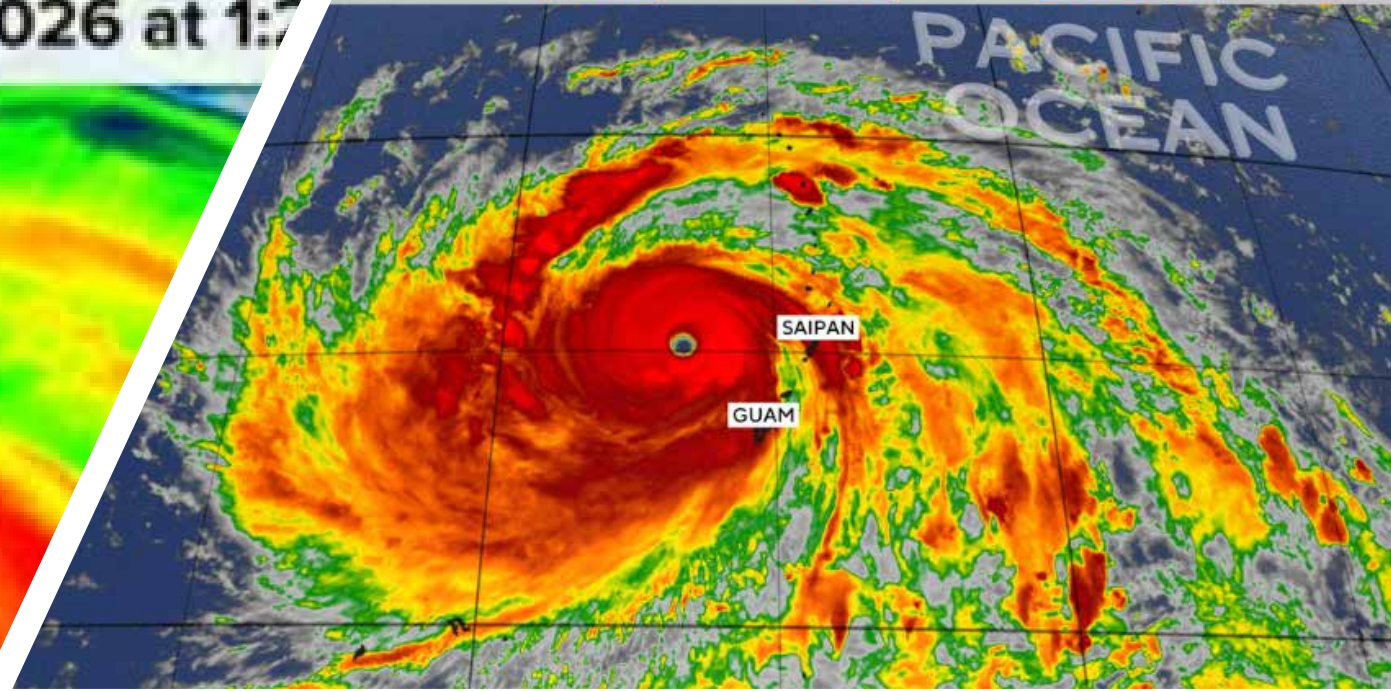


National Weather Service  
Guam  
[www.weather.gov/gum](http://www.weather.gov/gum)



## VIOLENT TYPHOON BAVI

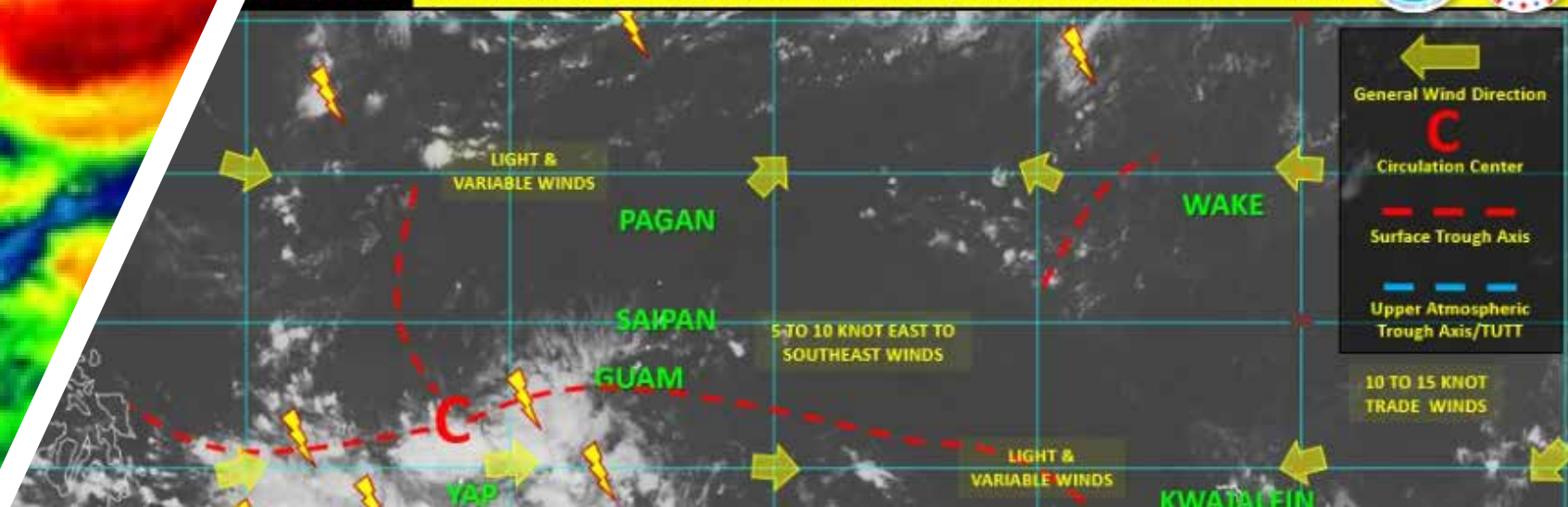
MAXIMUM WINDS 125 MPH PRESSURE 910 MB MOVING WNW AT 15 MPH



PERSIST OVER YAP/PALAU...QUIETER WEATHER ELSEWHERE FOR NOW

JULY 20, 2026

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT ISSUED FOR YAP AND PALAU DUE TO ONGOING MONSOON





# PORT STORM UPDATE

Port Completes H-Wharf Loading Operation as  
MV Jose Prepares to Sail for Rota

BAVI – Release No. 13  
July 16, 2026 – 7:30 PM

**Piti, Guam, July 16, 2026:** The Port Authority of Guam, working in coordination with Black Construction Corporation, Mobil, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, the Guam Fire Department, and the Customs and Quarantine Agency, successfully completed another coordinated cargo operation at H-Wharf this afternoon. Using Black Construction's mobile crane and crane operator, fuel was loaded aboard the MV Jose for transport to Rota in support of ongoing recovery efforts in the CNMI.

The operation builds upon the temporary cargo handling capability established at H-Wharf earlier this week, demonstrating the Port's ability to safely expand cargo handling operations beyond its main terminal when regional recovery efforts require additional support. Because the operation was conducted at H-Wharf rather than the Port's main cargo terminal, the Port coordinated to ensure all required operational, safety, security, and regulatory measures were in place.

"We successfully demonstrated this capability earlier this week by receiving and offloading Guam Power Authority bucket trucks returning from Saipan, and today we applied that same capability again to help meet the recovery needs of Rota," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "I personally witnessed this operation from start to finish over the course of approximately five hours, and what stood out was the exceptional coordination among our Port team, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, the Guam Fire Department, Customs, Mobil, and Black Construction's crew. I especially want to thank the Captain of the Port for authorizing this special vessel operation under carefully prescribed conditions, which



## Congested Port Thinking Outside Normal Port Operations

made this mission possible while ensuring the safety and security of our harbor. I also spoke with Rota Mayor Aubrey Hacog, who expressed her sincere appreciation to everyone involved in this operation. I conveyed our collective support for the CNMI's recovery and reaffirmed our commitment to do everything possible to assist our island neighbors during this challenging time. While cargo operations at the main terminal remain in full swing despite the challenges posed by the Port's ship to shore gantry cranes, H-Wharf has proven invaluable by allowing us to safely accommodate smaller vessels and conduct these special operations without disrupting the Port's primary cargo mission."

Meanwhile, recovery operations at the Port's main terminal continue as cargo moves steadily into the community while waterfront operations and gantry crane restoration efforts remain ongoing. Current cargo recovery, daily waterfront operations, and gantry crane status are provided below.



Sakman Logistics is honored to support critical infrastructure repairs in Rota. M/T PROA and Crew, in coordination with a team of local harbor support personnel, successfully repositioned Rota's four offshore mooring buoys. -Linked In



#### Description



Sakman was a single-outrigger boat. Its basic design consists of a very narrow dugout canoe which served as the main hull, to which an outrigger was attached on one side. The main hull was typically around 30 to 40 ft (9.1 to 12.2 m) long, ...



"Operations Manager Glenn Nelson and Assistant Operations Manager Patrick Alvarez demonstrated exceptional leadership in bringing this operation together. Alongside employees from across the Port Strong team, they worked side by side with the Customs and Quarantine Agency under the leadership of Director Ike Peredo, Leonard Kaae of Black Construction Corporation, Patrick Baulon of Matson, and our many local and private sector partners to accomplish something outside our normal operating environment," said Respicio. "Every decision was guided by one objective: completing the mission safely, efficiently, and in full compliance with the Port's existing federal permits and regulatory requirements. That is the Port Strong culture. We don't let obstacles define our mission. We work together, adapt, and find solutions."

"Ports do far more than move cargo. They sustain communities," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "This operation helped restore power in Saipan, safely return Guam's critical equipment, and ensure the continued movement of refrigerated cargo, fuel, and other essential supplies throughout the region. It reflects the strength of our partnerships and Guam's unwavering commitment to supporting our neighbors. Lt. Governor Josh and I thank the Guam Power Authority, Black Construction Corporation, Matson, the Customs and Quarantine Agency, and the Port Authority of Guam for demonstrating what can be accomplished when government and private industry come together in service of our people here in Guam and throughout our region."

**Communicating**

**Thinking Outside Normal Port Operations**



8 GPA bucket trucks  
pre...  
- Governor Lou Leon G...  
[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

**Wood Power Poles Origin Mississippi ----  
Trucked to Port of Long Beach --- Ocean  
thru Honolulu and Guam Ports ---  
Destination Saipan for Typhoon Sinlaku  
/ Ocean to Rota after opening of port  
for Typhoon Bavi**



**A miniscule move thru  
your Port can have a  
large impact at end  
destination; Entire Port  
Network Resiliency**

**Mobile Communications Tower Origin Dallas Fort Worth ---- Trucked to Port of Long Beach --- Ocean thru Honolulu and Guam Ports --- Destination Saipan for Typhoon Sinlaku / Air to Rota prior to port opening for Typhoon Bavi**



# Inter Island transportation - Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota



AN 12 with Gen Load



L100 with Gen Load



B757 with various items



LCAC loading Gens



MV Galaide with Gens and Water Tankers loading in Guam

# First Interagency Coordination & Collaboration Forum (ICCF) Kickoff

CNMI Terminal Infrastructure Master Plan (TIMP)

## CNMI Infrastructure Meeting Back Brief

Hafa Adai!

- ☐ TIMP Overview / Agenda
- ☐ Saipan Seaport
- ☐ Saipan Airport
- ☐ Tinian Airport
- ☐ Tinian Seaport
- ☐ Next Step

**Attendees June 2025**  
CNMI Officials  
Coast Guard  
Air Force  
INOPACOM  
MARAD  
FEMA



**CNMI Log**

- Limited Chassis
- Validate MHE for offloading Aircraft
- Military Increased
- Rota Ocean Port is small

Resiliency Starts before a Disaster

## **Yutu Recovery and AAR Improvements = Success Story for Sinlaku**



**Damaged Jet Bridges from Typhoon Yutu**



**Jet Bridges were recently rebuilt to withstand typhoon level winds. Survived Sinlaku and were a receiving area for air response commodities.**



**Photo of Heavy Airlift for Typhoon Yutu  
Ocean Vendor Solutions for Typhoons Sinlaku and Bavi saved \$\$**



**Support from  
Neighbors - Looks  
Different on Islands**



**Crane Arriving Nov 2025**



**Port Crane supporting the community by assisting in placement of backup generators during Typhoon Bavi July 2026**

**Typhoon Mawar – difficult moving vehicles to Rota**



**Port is more than the  
Infrastructure – Right Equipment  
– Right People**

**Typhoon Bavi – moving vehicles to Rota went well**



**Typhoon Bavi – Power Pole Delivery 30 July**



**Concrete Poles from Guam to Saipan**



**Roofing Material from Hawaii to Saipan**



**Power Restoration Equipment arrived by Ocean to Saipan and Flown to Rota – Do not Overstress the Ocean Port**





**Typhoon Bavi – Water moving from  
Distribution Center Guam to Tinian**



**Typhoon Sinlaku - Water Tankers from Hawaii and Guam to Saipan**



**Typhon Sinlaku - Large  
Generators from Hawaii to  
Saipan (already returned to  
Hawaii)**

# Questions – Peak Typhoon and Hurricane Season is Coming



On June 15, 1944, U.S. Marines stormed the beaches of this strategically significant Japanese island of **Saipan** with a goal of gaining a crucial air base from which the U.S. could launch its new long-range B-29 bombers directly at Japan's home islands.

Of the 71,000 U.S. troops that landed, nearly 3,000 were killed and more than 10,000 wounded. Out of the entire Japanese garrison of 30,000 troops, only 921 prisoners were captured; the rest died. The Japanese commanders and some 5,000 others committed suicide rather than surrender.



### Supplies Across the Sea

To keep supplies flowing smoothly to the western Pacific, the American military employs a fleet of auxiliary vessels including tankers, repair ships, ammunition ships, and cargo vessels.

### And the Kitchen Sink

While at sea, the U.S. Navy feeds all personnel aboard ship and the Marines, once ashore. A single 5,000-ton vessel transports enough supplies to feed 90,000 troops for one month. The cargo of large "Stores Issue Ships" includes as many as 40,000 different items, ranging from dental equipment to government issued coffins.

On June 19, 1944, on the first day of the battle of the Philippine Sea TF 58 battled waves of Japanese air raids, shooting down hundreds of enemy aircraft in what became known as the "**Marianas Turkey Shoot.**"

On 24 July 1944, about 15,600 men of the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions landed on the Island of **Tinian**.

Tinian is the third largest of the Mariana Islands, with a length of about 10.5 miles and an area of about 50 square miles. Unlike most of the other Marianas, it is almost flat. Tinian is about 5 nautical miles southwest of Saipan.

After the battle, Tinian became an important base for further Allied operations in the Pacific campaign. Camps were built for 50,000 troops. Fifteen thousand Seabees turned the island into the busiest airfield of the war, with six runways for attacks by United States Army Air Forces B-29 Superfortress bombers on enemy targets in the Philippines, the Ryukyu Islands, and mainland Japan, including the firebombings of Tokyo and the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

