TC NEPARTAK is moving towards south-eastern Taiwan, as a very intense Tropical Cyclone. On 7 July at 12.00 UTC its centre was located approx. 170 km south-east of Taitung City and it had max. sustained winds of 259 km/h (equivalent to a Category 5 in the Saffir-Simpson scale).

It is forecast to make landfall near the city of Taitung on 7 July evening (UTC), with max. sustained winds of 220-260 km/h. Then it will cross Taiwan, weakening, and it may reach Fujian province (eastern China) on 8 July evening (UTC), with max. sustained winds of 100-120 km/h. Heavy rain, strong winds and storm surge may affect several areas of Taiwan on 7-8 July, as well as Fujian and Zhejiang provinces (China) on 8-10 July. Heavy rain and strong winds may affect the Batanes islands (Philippines).

As of 7 July afternoon (UTC), a Sea and Land Typhoon Warning is in effect for most of Taiwan, an Extremely Torrential Rain Advisory for the counties of Yilan, Hualien, Taitung and Pingtung, and for Kaohsiung City. Torrential Rain and Extremely Heavy Rain Advisories are also in effect for the rest of Taiwan. An Orange Warning for Typhoon is in effect for eastern mainland China, a Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No 2 for the the Batanes group of islands.

Local media reported several flights cancelled from Manila (Philippines) and Taiwan, as well as several highways and railway stations closed throughout Taiwan, as of 7 July.

Sources: GDACS, JTWC, JMA, CWB Taiwan, PAGASA, NDRRMC, NASA, Meda