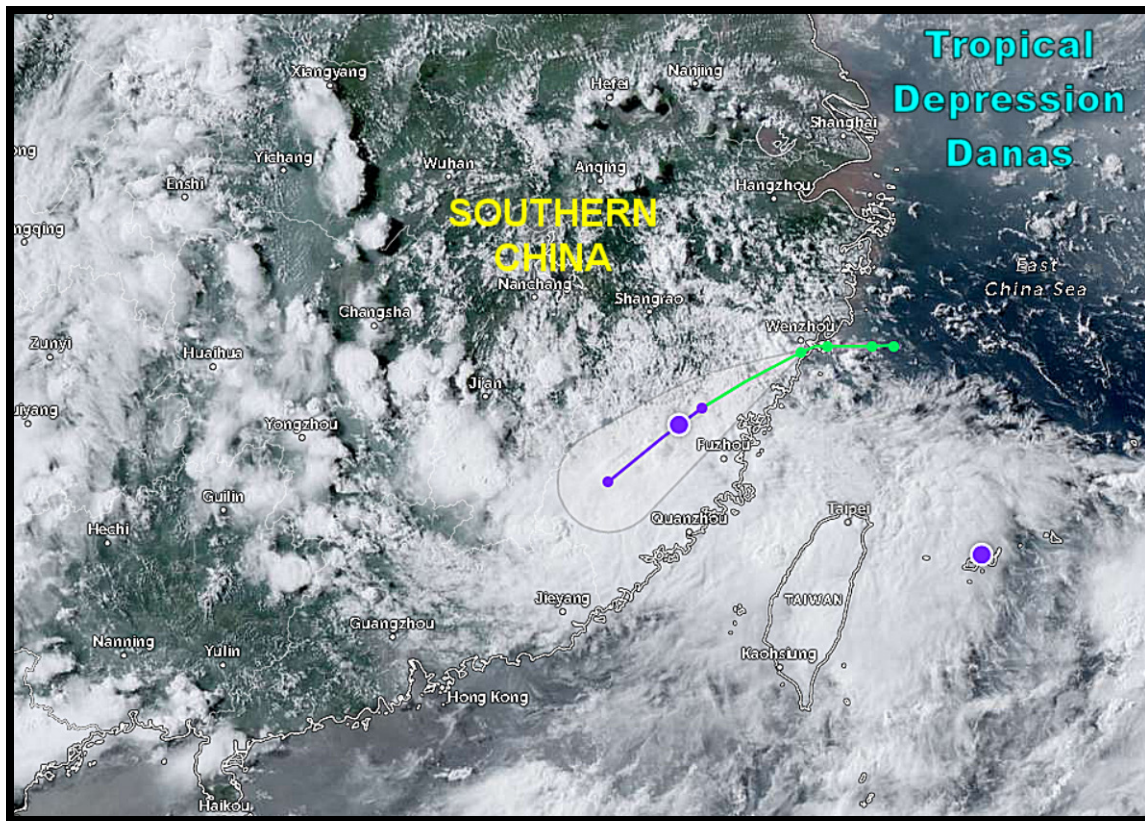


Depression Danas To Contribute To South China Flooding

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Kansas City, July 9 (World Weather Inc.) – *Tropical Storm Danas moved into Fujian, China overnight and diminished to depression status. The storm and its remnants will drift through southern China over the next few days contributing to a rainy pattern that may help induce a little flooding. Damage from the storm in China was suspected of being much less than the impact on crops reported from Taiwan earlier this week. Danas is just the first of several tropical cyclones that are predicted to evolve and impact Southeast Asia over the next two to three weeks.*

Tropical Depression Danas was located over Fujian China at 0900 UTC today moving southwesterly and producing generalized rainfall into eastern Guangdong. The system was located north northwest of Fuzhou, Fujian at the time of this writing and its movement will bring heavy rain across Guangdong and surrounding areas during the next few days.



According to **Taiwan News** earlier this week, *the storm produced USD \$34 million dollars of damage to fruit and vegetable crops in Taiwan, although an assessment on rice and sugarcane had not been made as of the time of this reporting.* Danas was a typhoon when it moved through western Taiwan during the weekend, although the storm size was quite small.

Remnants of the storm are expected to impact Guangdong today through Friday and its slow movement may produce some significant rainfall and flooding. Moisture

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totals of 4.00 to 12.00 inches are expected by Saturday with southern Guangdong most impacted. No excessive wind is likely leaving the greatest risk from the system to flooding. A close watch on the rain distribution is warranted the remainder of this week because of the potential for greater than expected rain.

Danas was the first of several tropical systems that are predicted to impact southeastern Asia during the next three weeks and a close watch on the region is warranted. A disturbance east of Taiwan today may drift into southern portions of the East China Sea producing heavy rain and windy conditions with possible impact on southeastern China, the Korean Peninsula or Western Japan depending on how well the system evolves and which of the many atmospheric influences has the most influence on its ultimate movement. Another tropical disturbance may evolve into a tropical cyclone south of Japan this weekend and it, too, will need to be closely monitored as it evolves and possibly threatens Honshu and Hokkaido, Japan next week. Two other storms may evolve near or west of the Marianna Islands and threaten southeastern China, Taiwan or the Philippines in the July 17-23 period.

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