

Typhoon Mawar lands in south China

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Torrential rain hits Lufeng City after the 16th typhoon Mawar lands in south China's Guangdong Province, Sept. 3, 2017. Mawar, the 16th typhoon this year, landed around 9:30 p.m. Sunday in Lufeng, south China's Guangdong Province, bringing gales of 20 meters per second at its eye. Mawar is the third typhoon that landed in Guangdong in the recent half month after Hato and Pakhar. [Photo/Xinhua]

Heavy rain battered the landing areas. Local government said about 2,200 fishing boats had returned to the harbor while more than 15,000 people were relocated to safe places.

The provincial meteorological bureau forecast that the typhoon would weaken rapidly after the landing and move towards northwest at a speed of about 10 km per hour, bringing downpours and gales to other cities in the province from Sunday night to Monday.

Flights and trains were suspended. Authorities have been on alert for secondary disasters.

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