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Sub: Cyclonic storm "PABUK" over Gulf of Thailand & adjoining Thailand and its emergence into Andaman Sea on 05th January 2019: Pre-cyclone watch for Andaman Islands

Yesterday's cyclonic storm "PABUK" over south China Sea moved west-northwestwards during past 24 hours with a speed of 21 kmph and lay centred at 0830 hours IST of 04th January 2019 over Gulf of Thailand and adjoining Thailand near latitude 8.3°N and longitude 101.0° E, about 990 km east-southeast of Port Blair.

It is very likely to move west-northwestwards and emerge into Andaman Sea by tomorrow forenoon. Thereafter, it is very likely to move northwestwards and cross Andaman Islands around evening/night of 06th January. Thereafter, it is very likely to move north-northwestwards and then recurve northeastwards towards Myanmar coast and weaken further during 7th-8th January, 2019.

Warnings:

(i) Heavy rainfall warning

Rainfall at many places with heavy falls at isolated places likely to commence over Andaman Islands from 5th January evening. Intensity is very likely to increase with rainfall at most places and heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places on 6th and at isolated places on 7th.

(ii) Wind warning

Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is likely to commence over Andaman Sea along and off south Myanmar and Thailand coast from today evening. It is very likely to increase gradually becoming 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 over Andaman Sea on 5th and over Andaman Islands, Andaman Sea and adjoining areas of eastcentral and southeast Bay of Bengal on 6th and 7th.

(iii) Sea condition

The sea condition will be rough to very rough over Andaman Sea along and off south Myanmar and Thailand coast from today evening. It is very likely to become very rough to high over Andaman Sea on 5th and over Andaman Sea and adjoining areas of eastcentral and southeast Bay of Bengal on 6th and 7th.

(iv) Fishermen Warning

Total suspension of fishing operations over Andaman Sea and adjoining southeast & eastcentral Bay of Bengal during 4th-7th January.

The system is under continuous surveillance and concerned state Governments are being informed regularly.

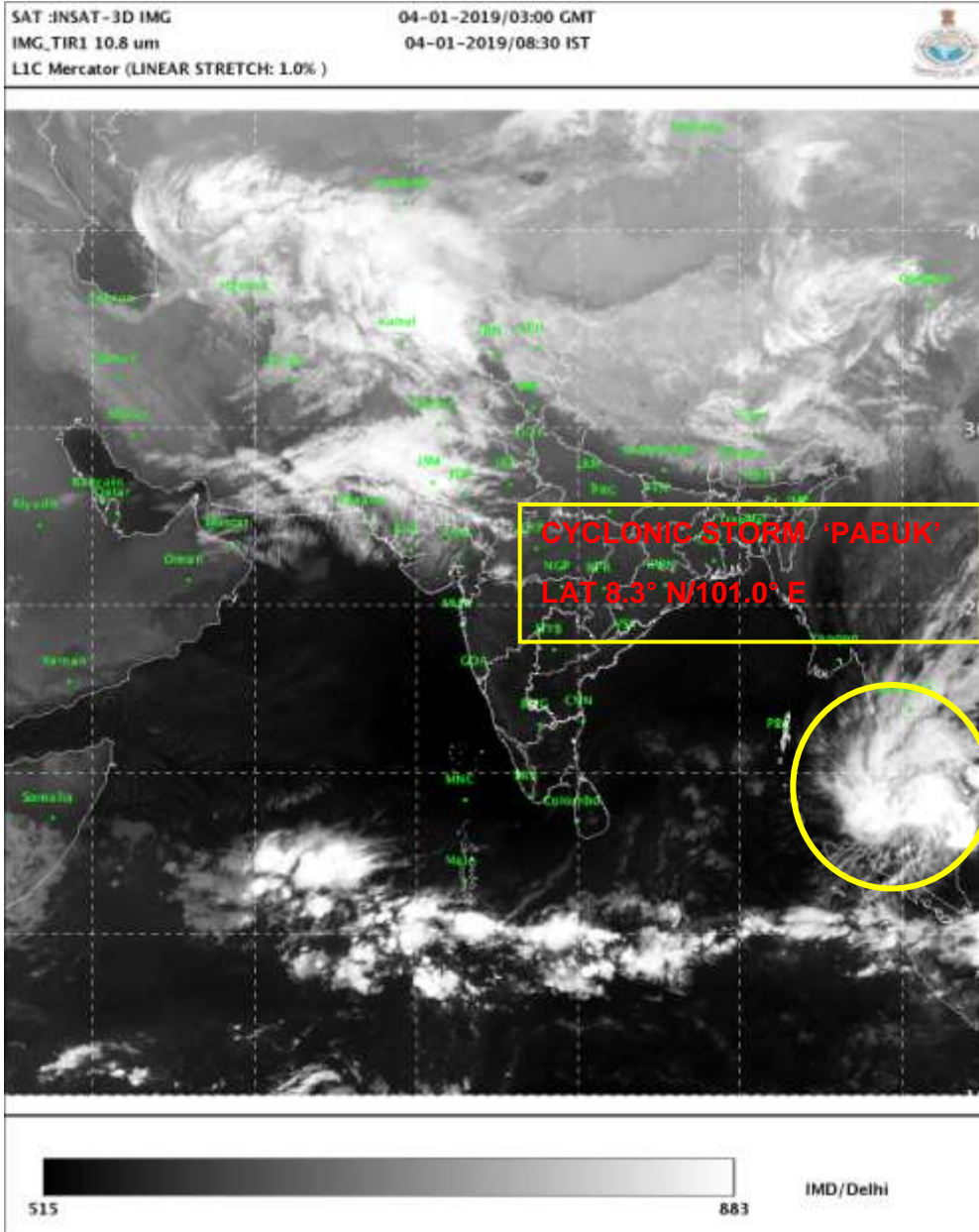
Next update will be issued tomorrow, the 5th January, 2019 at 1300 hrs IST. Kindly visit www.imd.gov.in and www.rsmcnewdelhi.imd.gov.in for updates on the system.

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Rainfall amount (mm): Heavy rain: 64.5 – 115.5, Very heavy rain: 115.6 – 204.4, Extremely heavy rain: 204.5 or more.



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