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(TYPHOON PAMELA STRUCK GUAM)

SAIPAN, MAY 24 (MNS)---SUPERTYPHOON PAMELA STRUCK GUAM FRIDAY (MAY 23) CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGES TO HOMES AND DISABLED THE ISLAND'S POWER, WATER AND TELEPHONE SYSTEMS. FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REPORTED DEAD BUT ARE NOT TYPHOON RELATED, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED FROM GUAM. RO MICRONESIAN STUDENT WAS INJURED, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORT.

GUAM GOVERNOR RICARDO J. BORDALLO HAD REQUESTED AID FROM THE FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION. HE ALSO DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND SET A 7 P.M. TO 6 A.M. CURFEW ON THE ISLAND'S STREETS.

APPROXIMATELY 800 PATIENTS WERE TREATED FOR RELATIVELY MINOR INJURIES, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM GUAM.

THE NAVY ON GUAM REPORTED THAT NINE SHIPS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO GUAM AND ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVED THERE TUESDAY (MAY 25). ONE OF THEM WAS A SUPPLY SHIP, THE "WHITE PLAINS" WHICH CAN HOLD UP TO 1,500 TONS OF FOOD.

THE EYE OF SUPERTYPHOON PAMELA PASSED OVER GUAM FROM 4-7 P.M. FRIDAY WITH MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS AT 135 MILES AN HOUR WITH GUSTS UP TO 165.

THE BUILDINGS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED. ACCORDING TO UOG OFFICIALS, IT WILL BE "IMPOSSIBLE" TO HOLD SUMMER CLASSES.

PAMELA WAS THE THIRD MOST POWERFUL TYPHOON IN GUAM'S RECORDED HISTORY. ONE WAS UNNAMED WHICH STRUCK GUAM IN 1900 AND THE OTHER WAS TYPHOON KAREN IN 1962.

TYPHOON PAMELA EARLIER STRUCK TRUK DISTRICT KILLING 10 PEOPLE AND INJURING THREE CRITICALLY. THE TYPHOON IS REPORTED TO BE HEADING TOWARD JAPAN.

(ROTA HEAVILY DAMAGED)

SAIPAN MAY 24 (MNS)---ROTA ISLANDS IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WAS DAMAGED HEAVILY, BY SUPERTYPHOON PAMELA WHICH LASHED THE ISLANDS ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED ON SAIPAN MONDAY MORNING. CLOSE TO 100 HOMES WERE DAMAGED, HALF OF THEM WERE COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED AND DEBRIS LITTERED THE STREETS, SAIPAN'S KIQR RADIO REPORTED.

ACCORDING TO ACTING RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FRANK C. ADA, GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO ROTA IS READY TO BE FLOWN IN UPON AVAILABILITY OF FLIGHTS. AIR MICRONESIA FLIGHTS STARTED COMING INTO SAIPAN LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON (MAY 23) AND RESIDENTS OF GUAM WERE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY TO BOARD FOR GUAM SINCE GUAM WAS MOST AFFECTED BY THE TYPHOON.

REPORTS FROM TINIAN TO THE OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER INDICATED THERE IS MORE DAMAGE TO CROPS THAN TO HOMES. TINIAN SENATORS JOE R. CRUZ AND HERMAN MANGLONA CHARTERED A LIGHT PLANE OWNED BY A LOCAL TEACHER AND FLEW TO TINIAN SUNDAY WHERE THE EXTENT OF THE TYPHOON DAMAGE WAS DISCUSSED.

THE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE, MEETING IN ITS CURRENT SESSION INTRODUCED A BILL ASKING THE SUM OF \$110,000 FOR TYPHOON RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO ROTA, TINIAN AND SAIPAN.

ANOTHER BILL WHICH WOULD APPROPRIATE \$10,000 FOR TYPHOON RELIEF FUNDS FOR MARIANAS STUDENTS ATTENDING VARIOUS SCHOOLS ON GUAM WAS OFFERED. A RESOLUTION WAS ALSO INTRODUCED TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND ROTA FOR THE LOSS AND DESTRUCTION INCURRED BY SUPERTYPHOON PAMELA AND WISH FOR THEIR EARLY RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION FROM THE LOSSES TO PUBLIC PROPERTIES, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PRIVATE PROPERTIES AND URGENT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE A MAJOR DISASTER AREA AND PROVIDE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO THE TERRITORY OF GUAM AND TO ROTA.

(TENORIO ACCEPTS DIRECTORSHIP POST)

SAIPAN, MAY 24 (MNS)---NORTHERN MARIANAS SENATOR PEDRO A. TENORIO HAS RESIGNED FROM THE NORTHERN MARIANAS LEGISLATURE TO ACCEPT A POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF TRANSITIONAL STATUS AND PLANNING FOR THE MARIANAS.

IN HIS LETTER TO DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS FRED M. ZEDER, TENORIO SAID HE WAS "DEEPLY HONORED" BY THE UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTING HIM TO THE \$30,000 A YEAR POST.

HE SAID HE WAS ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENT BECAUSE OF ITS "GREAT PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGES AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE VERY IMPORTANT STATUS WHICH WILL BE THE FOUNDATION FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MARIANAS."

THE FORMER CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR REQUESTED THAT HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE NEW POST BE EFFECTUATED MAY 21, THE DATE HE SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AS A MEMBER OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS LEGISLATURE.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS-U. S. TRANSITIONAL STATUS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE ARE SEN. JOSE R. CRUZ FROM TINIAN; SEN. BENJAMIN MANGLONA FROM ROTA; SPEAKER VICENTE N. SANTOS. REPRESENTING THE U. S. ARE DOTA FRED M. ZEDER AND AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS.