



OWL News

Service Disruptions in The Philippines, Vietnam and Bangladesh

The Philippines - Super Typhoon Haiyan

Major areas in the northern part of the Philippines (Luzon) including metro Manila escaped the worst of the typhoon though it disrupted customs operations and they suspended services at 3pm on November 7th. Port and airport services were also suspended but are expected to resume after a full clean up and safety inspection.

The worst hit area was the port in Cebu where local authorities ordered the suspension of work at both private and public offices. Logistics operations in Cebu have been closed since last Thursday. Almost all international and domestic flights to and from major cities in the southern Philippines were cancelled. We have yet to receive any firm information from the south as to when we can expect a normal schedule of operations as communications have been severely disrupted due to large-scale power cuts.

Vietnam - Tropical Storm Typhoon Haiyan

Haiyan weakened considerably as it approached northern Vietnam near the border with China - the main threat is now torrential rainfall and flooding. With the capital Hanoi being close to the path of the storm, we are expecting service closures and delays into and out of the region. Many international flights have been cancelled and port operations suspended.

Bangladesh - General Strike

Elections are close in Bangladesh and there are differences in opinions for how the population believes the elections should take place. The main opposition party wants the elections to be governed by a neutral party but the ruling party wants to coordinate the activities themselves. The opposition party's response was to call for a general strike in the population from November 4th-6th and sympathizers took to the streets to block them and demonstrate. These roadblocks disrupted all traffic and, consequently, importers and exporters could not move their cargos.

The opposition party has called for more unrest from November 11th-13th so we are expecting more of the same kind of demonstrations, road blocks and disruption.

We will continue to bring you updates as we get them.

We are proactively communicating with customers sending shipments to or expecting

shipments from these regions but if you have a particular shipment you are concerned about then please don't hesitate to contact your local [Pacer International/Ocean World Lines office](#).