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News: COE provides Cyclone Sidr updates to support U.S. Pacific Command humanitarian effort

Honolulu (November 26, 2007) – The Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (COE), is providing information support to U.S. Pacific Command's (PACOM's) humanitarian assistance efforts in Bangladesh, which has been badly affected by Tropical Cyclone Sidr. The cyclone, which struck as a category four storm on November 15, has claimed at least 3,500 lives and displaced about 2 million people.

Since the storm struck, COE's Pacific Disaster Management Information Network (PDMIN) has been providing daily humanitarian situation updates on the activities of all relevant disaster response actors to U.S. PACOM and PDMIN's regular subscribers. The "Cyclone Sidr Update" reports on domestic efforts by the Bangladesh government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as international and foreign efforts by United Nations and Red Cross Agencies, and foreign governments, militaries, and NGOs.

Using open-sources, including international newswires, international aid news sources and domestic media, the reports provide invaluable information on all aspects of the humanitarian response. To access the latest Cyclone Sidr Update and archives, please go to: <http://www.coe-dmha.org/bangladesh.htm>

Since November 23, U.S. PACOM has been providing transportation assistance to the Bangladesh relief effort from the USS Kearsarge, as military-supported relief operations picked up pace this week. For the latest on U.S. PACOM's humanitarian efforts in Bangladesh: <http://www.pacom.mil/special/0711bdesh/index.shtml>

U.S. PACOM press release: <http://www.pacom.mil/news/news2007/071123-bangladesh-pr009-p.shtml>

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