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Sub: Super Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' (pronounced as UM-PUN) lay over Bangladesh & adjoining West Bengal as a Severe Cyclonic Storm: Cyclone warning for West Bengal coast: Red Message.

The Very Severe Cyclonic Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' (pronounced as UM-PUN) over West Bengal coast moved north-northeastwards with a speed of 28 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centered at 2330 hrs IST of yesterday, the 20th may 2020 over Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal near Lat. 23.3°N and Long. 89.0°E as a Severe Cyclonic Storm about 110 km northeast of Kolkata, 240 km northeast of Digha (West Bengal), 200 km north-northeast of Sagar Islands and 190 km northwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh). It is very likely to continue to move north-northeastwards and weaken further into a Cyclonic Storm during next 06 hours.

The system is now being continuously tracked by the Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) at Kolkata (West Bengal).

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

| Date/Time(IST) | Position                                    | Maximum sustained surface | Category of cyclonic  |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|                | (Lat. <sup>0</sup> N/ long. <sup>0</sup> E) | wind speed (Kmph)         | disturbance           |
| 20.05.20/2330  | 23.3/89.0                                   | 90-100 gusting to 110     | Severe Cyclonic Storm |
| 21.05.20/0530  | 24.6/89.5                                   | 60-70 gusting to 80       | Cyclonic Storm        |
| 21.05.20/1130  | 26.0/90.3                                   | 30-40 gusting to 50       | Depression            |

# (1) Heavy rainfall Warning:

#### **West Bengal**

Light to moderate rainfall at a few places likely over Gangetic West Bengal (Nadia, east Burdman, Murshidabad, northern parts of North 24 Pargana districts) during next 06 hours.

### **Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim**

Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over Malda & Dinajpur districts during next 06 hours and over most of the districts of Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2020.

# **Assam & Meghalaya**

Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy falls at isolated places over Meghalaya during next 06 hours and heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over the western districts of Assam & Meghalaya on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

# (2) Wind warning

**West Bengal** 

 Squally wind, speed reaching 50 to 60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph very likely over Nadia, east Burdman, Murshidabad, northern parts of North 24 Pargana districts during next 06 hours. It is very likely to decrease during subsequent 06 hours.

### Deep Sea area

• Gale wind speed reaching 60-70 gusting to 80 kmph is prevailing over northern parts of northwest Bay of Bengal. It is likely to continue for next 06 hours. It will gradually decrease thereafter. Squally wind speed reaching 30-40 gusting to 50 kmph likely during subsequent 06 hours.

## (3) Sea condition:

 Sea condition is rough to very rough over North Bay of Bengal and is likely to continue for next 12 hours.

## (4) Fishermen Warning

• The fishermen are advised not to venture into North Bay of Bengal during next 12 hours. Also, fishermen are advised not to venture into North Bay of Bengal along and off North Odisha, West Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh coasts during next 12 hours.

Kindly visit www.rsmcnewdelhi.imd.gov.in and www.mausam.imd.gov.in for updates on the system.

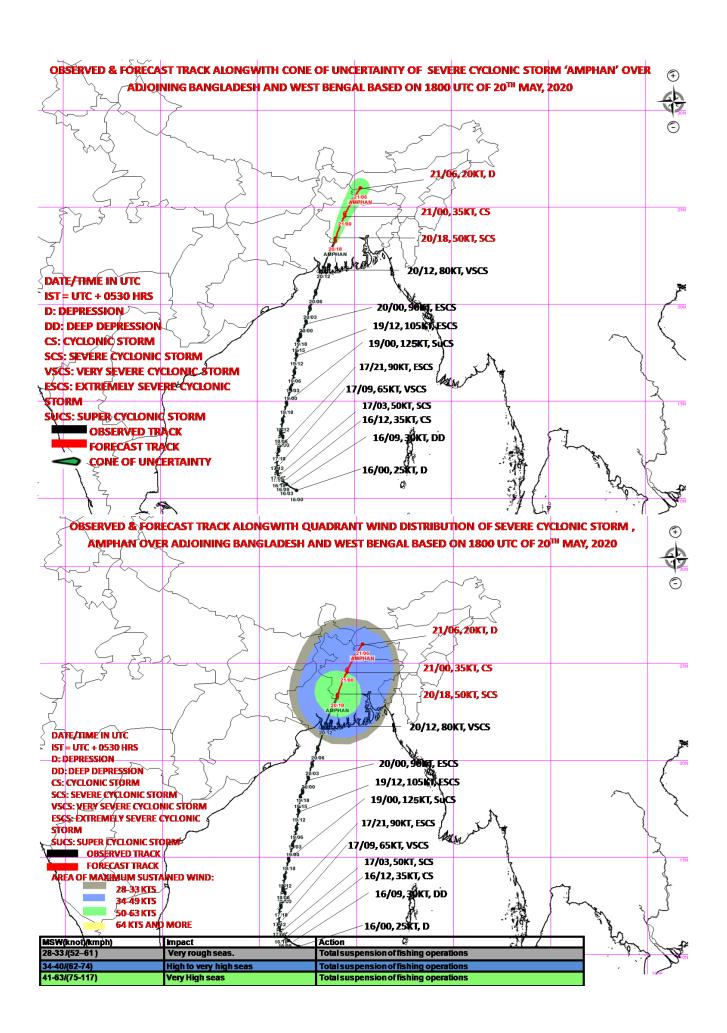
Next Bulletin will be issued at 0530 hours IST of today, the 21st May, 2020.

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> Legend: WCB – Westcentral Bay of Bengal NWB – Northwest Bay of Bengal



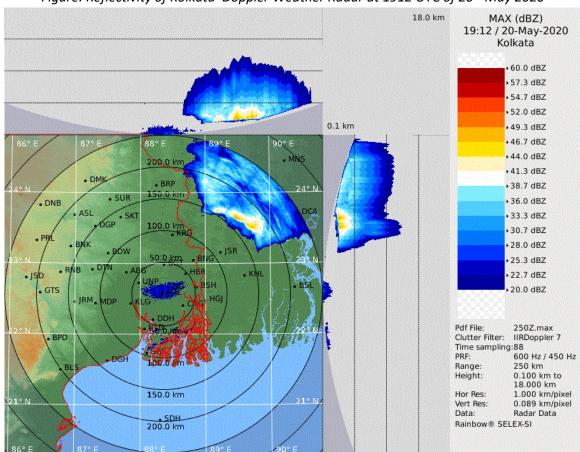


Figure: Reflectivity of Kolkata Doppler Weather Radar at 1912 UTC of 20th May 2020