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Heavy rain along Pacific coast of Tohoku

A storm downgraded from a typhoon is bringing heavy rain and strong winds to Japan's disaster-stricken Pacific Coast on Monday.

The Meteorological Agency says about 13 millimeters of rain was recorded in Iwate and Fukushima prefectures during one hour by Monday noon. In Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture, gusts of up to 125 kilometers per hour were recorded shortly after 11 AM.

In Ohi Town, Fukui Prefecture, on the Japan Sea Coast, 370 millimeters of rain was recorded over 24 hours to 7 AM on Monday. The amount is the highest since records began.

The weather agency says the risk of landslides remains high in Fukui Prefecture and the disaster-stricken prefectures of Miyagi, Fukushima and Ibaraki. Kyoto and Nagano Prefectures could experience flooding.

The low pressure system that brought the heavy rain is expected to move toward the east off the coast of Japan's main island, Honshu.

Heavy rain and thunderstorms are forecast for Monday afternoon in northeastern Japan along the Pacific Coast of Tohoku.

The Meteorological Agency is calling for caution against mudslides, flooding and high waves. Particularly, caution is needed due to the loosening or sinking of the ground in the areas affected by the March earthquake.

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