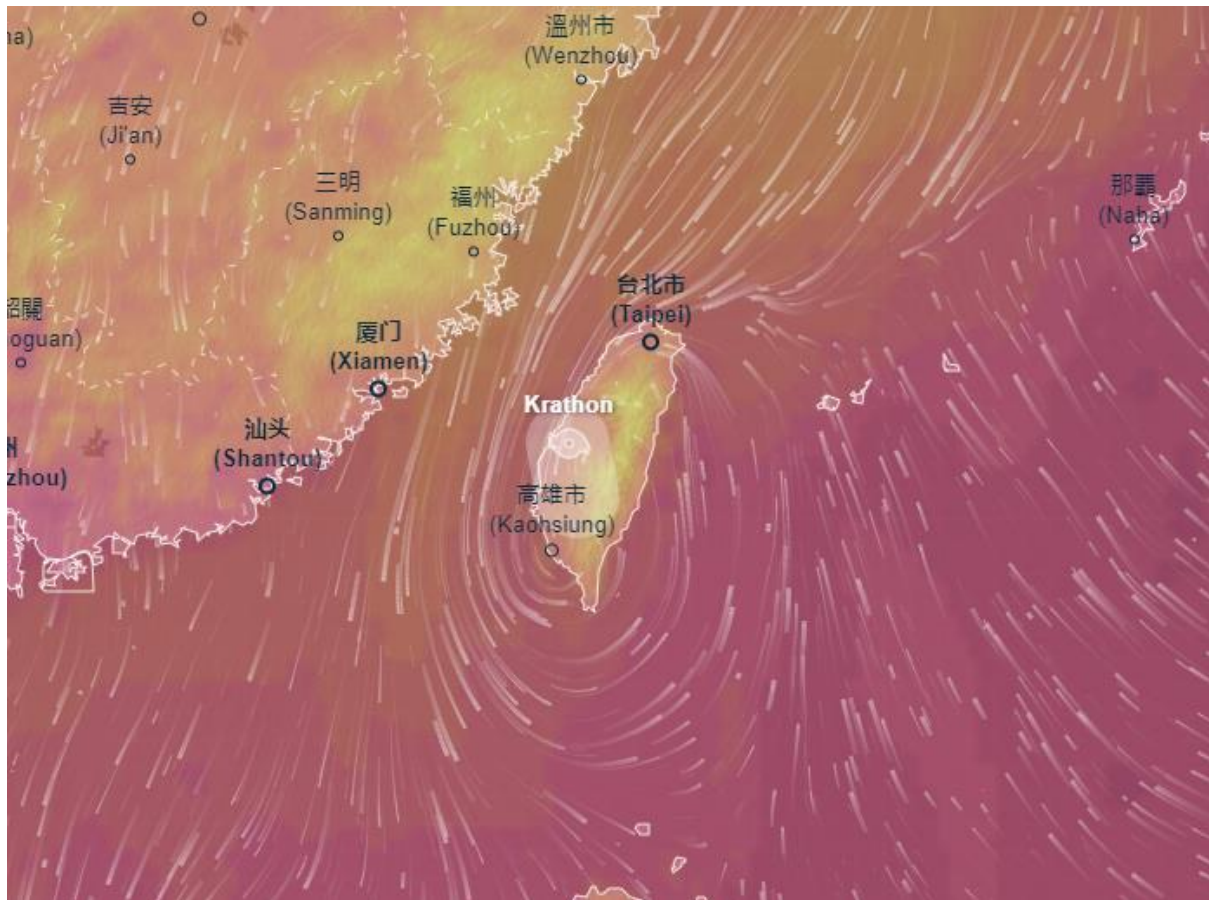


South China Sea: Typhoon Krathon



Early on October 3, Typhoon Krathon—dubbed Julian in the Philippines—is moving toward southwestern Taiwan over the South China Sea in a northeastern direction. The center of circulation of the system was located around 25 miles (41 km) southwest of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, as of 11:00 CST.

Forecast models show that the storm will make landfall over Kaohsiung City, Taiwan over the next hours. Following landfall, Krathon is expected to weaken into a tropical storm as it moves north over eastern Tainan City, central Chiayi County, and eastern Yulin County early on October 4. Later on, October 4, as it makes a sharp turn to track northwest, it will weaken even more into a tropical depression and exit into the Taiwan Strait off far southwestern Changhua County in the afternoon.