

Resource pack 4

Responses

Before the storm hit, the National Committee for Emergency Management (NCEM) warned individuals in Shaheen's path to evacuate immediately.

Armed forces have been deployed to help in the rescue efforts for those who are trapped by flood waters including the Al Batinah Region where civilians were being airlifted to safety by helicopter. People stuck in cars and vehicles were rescued by the Civil Defence and Ambulance authorities (CDAA).

They are also assisting with the restoration of damaged roads and getting aid to those who are in need of it.

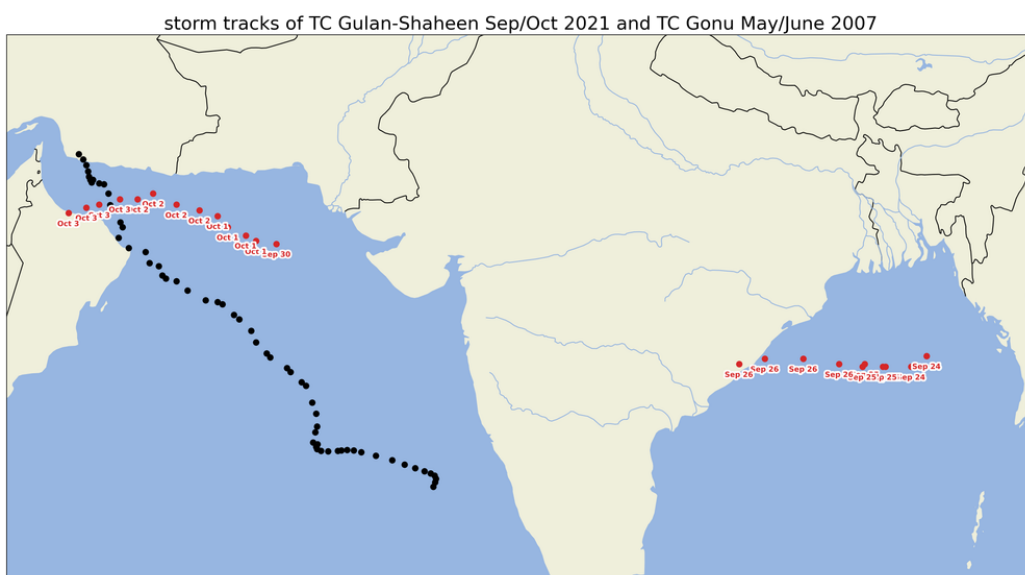
Nearly 5,000 people were moved and over 80 shelters provided for those who were most affected.

The National Multi Hazard Warning System is continuing to warn residents of the risk of thunderstorms as the storm moves more inland.

People are urged to avoid areas such as ravines, wadis and low-lying areas until the threat has passed.

Although Muscat had not seen flooding in many years, most of the city had returned to normal by October 4.

Most money for repairs is being raised through private funds as not many households have insurance. Many fear this won't cover all the costs leaving homeowners to fund themselves. The Batinah region could take months to be cleaned up.



Tracks of tropical cyclones Gonu, 2007 (black), Gulan (right) and Shaheen (left). Image credit: EUMETSAT
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