

TROPICAL CYCLONE 01B

Tropical cyclone 01B was the first of two systems that formed in the Bay of Bengal during the spring transition season. It organized quite rapidly, having existed for less than 12 hours as a region of persistent convective activity, before becoming the subject of a TCFA issued at 171630Z. The brief period of northward motion followed by a short recurvature track to the northeast was related to the cyclone's formation near the axis of the subtropical ridge. The proximity of strong upper-level westerlies to the north, inhibited development beyond tropical depression intensity and brought about the rapid dissipation of 01B over water. Only two tropical depression warnings were issued on the system at 180000Z and 181200Z. Tropical cyclone 01B had no reported impact on military or civilian vessels.

