

## TROPICAL CYCLONE 03B

Tropical Cyclone 03B was the first of two systems that occurred the Bay of Bengal during the fall transition season. The system formed and remained under upper-level east-southeasterly wind shear associated with a 200-mb ridge circulation well to the northeast. Thus, development was strongly inhibited and TC03B never exceeded tropical depression intensity. The cyclone tracked north-northwestward along the western periphery of a broad mid-level subtropical ridge circulation centered over Indochina. It reached the axis of the ridge as it made landfall, then skirted the coast of India on a northeastward track as it dissipated. No reports of impact were received.

