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Typhoon Halong Leaves Path of Destruction in Sakhalin

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Since making landfall in Russia's Far East Monday night, Typhoon Halong claimed one life and caused eight serious injuries, as well as dozens of minor ones.

The death and injuries were recorded in Sakhalin, Russia's largest island. The victim died from electrical shock caused by wires damaged in the storm, ITAR-Tass reported Tuesday.

According to the news agency, 44 people were treated in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk for injuries — mostly minor ones — in connection with Typhoon Halong. The injuries were mostly linked to flying debris and tree branches.

More than 24,000 Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk residents lost power after wind gusts reached 42 meters per second, forcing the preventive closure of three power lines, a statement on this city administration's website said. Power has yet to be restored in up to 40 percent of the city.

Torrential rains and high winds are expected to persevere Tuesday night in the Khabarovsk, Primorye and the Sakhalin regions, as well as in the Jewish Autonomous Republic.

Typhoon Halong made landfall on Saturday in southwestern Japan, near the city of Aki, killing two people and injuring 92 others, according to Japanese broadcaster NHK.

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