

TROPICAL CYCLONE 02B

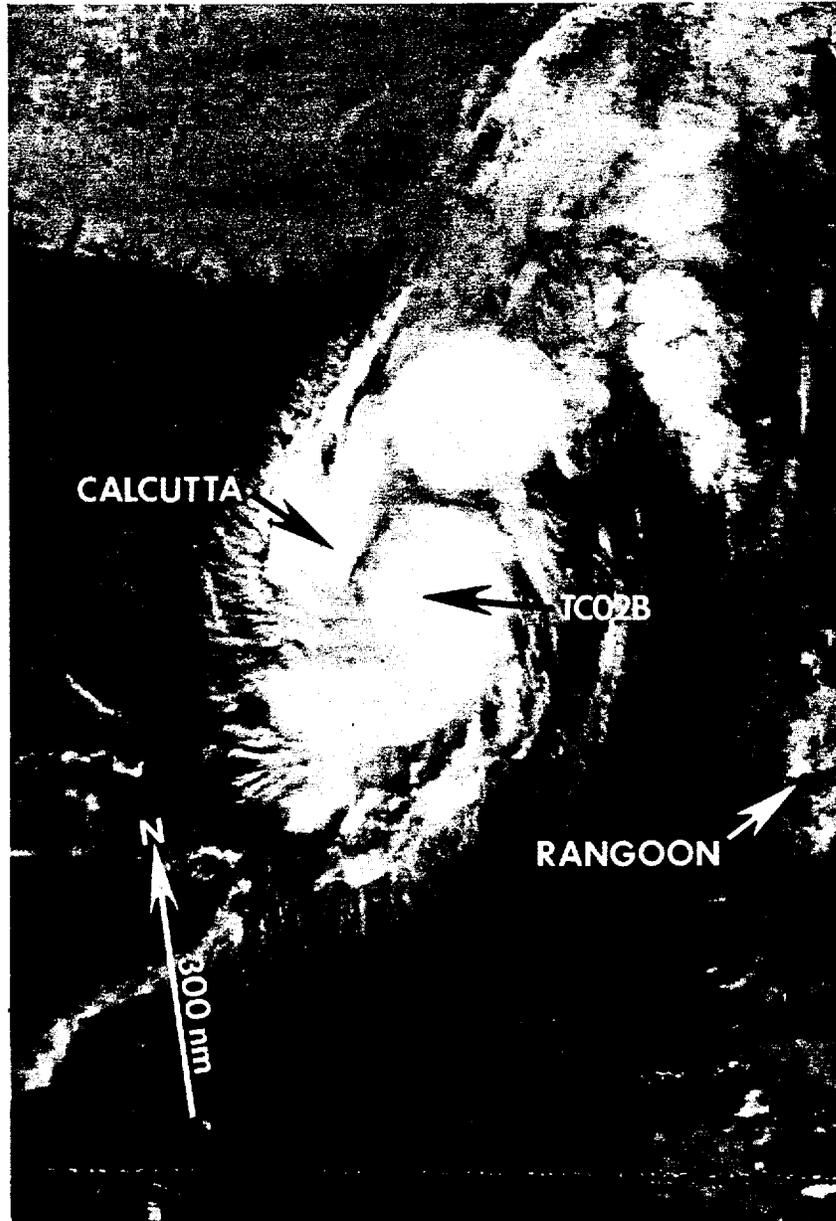


Figure 3-02B-1. The tropical disturbance was first detected 135 nm (250 km) southwest of Rangoon, Burma and the Significant Tropical Weather Advisory was reissued at 170800Z to include it. The first warning followed at 181200Z as the cyclone reached a peak intensity of 35 kt (18 m/sec). Once onshore, the final warning was issued at 190000Z. Press releases cited at least 35 deaths, more than 1000 injuries and an estimated 1500 missing. The fishing fleet was particularly hard hit and there were press reports of 15 ft (4.6 m) waves and winds as high as 65 kt (33 m/sec). The above photo shows Tropical Cyclone 02B at the coast of Bangladesh (182219Z October NOAA visual imagery).