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James Annan <still\_the\_same\_me@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:<2s669kF1ht3mtU2@uni-berlin.de>...

> *Psalm 110* wrote:

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> > <http://www.asahi.com/english/opinion/TKY200409080113.html>

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> *Yawn. Why post month-old news? Japan has already been hit by an 8th typhoon, which killed at least 20 more people.*

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> *James*

There's information that a non-asian audience might glean from that article. For example, although American's were fixated on Florida's hurricanes, at the same moments in time Japan was experiencing it's own hurricanes, usually on the same dates. We can't begin to discuss the rarity of polar opposite storm coincidences. As you could see, if you weren't so sleepy and inattentive (yawn), Americans can't even cope with the highly unusual events they are experiencing first-hand, let alone pay attention to any part of the world that is not under US military conquest (and they don't pay good attention to those under military boots either).

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Unusually high sea temperatures in the tropics are churning up more of the thermal energy that causes tropical storms, according to the Meteorological Agency. Normally by the end of August, there would have been only 14 typhoons. This is troubling news given that the high typhoon season has only just started.

Also, this year there have been more casualties and damage than usual. In July, torrential rains devastated wide areas of Niigata, Fukushima and Fukui prefectures and the typhoons that struck Japan during the three months through August left a total of 44 people dead, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency. The figure is close to the total number of casualties caused by winds or flooding last year. In particular, the deluge of rain that ravaged Niigata and Fukushima prefectures earlier this summer killed more than 10 people each as did Typhoons No. 15 and 16.