

Tsunami timeline

Tuesday, March 02, 2010

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Sunday: Tsunami watch issued for Fiji. Estimated time of arrival 10am but reaching Lau an hour earlier.

2.46am:

Second tsunami bulletin issued. Tsunami watch remained in force for all low-lying areas

3.30am:

National Emergency Operation Centre issues its first public advisory. Estimated tsunami wave to enter Fiji waters at 8.30am and in Suva at 10.04am.

4.45am:

Third bulletin issued. Tsunami watch remained in force for Fiji. People advised to move to higher ground.

5.50am:

Fourth bulletin issued. Tsunami watch remained in force for Fiji. People advised to move to higher ground. Warning of potentially dangerous tsunami waves.

6am:

Ministry of Health Disaster Response Command Centre activated.

8.15am:

Fifth bulletin issued. Tsunami warning in force for Fiji. People advised to move to higher ground. Warning of potentially dangerous tsunami waves.

9am:

Bulletin six issued with warning still in place. People advised to move to higher ground. Warning of potentially dangerous tsunami waves.

- Health headquarters alerted medical officers in charge of the CWMH, Lautoka Hospital, Labasa Hospital, Kadavu, Rotuma, Lomaiviti, Lakeba: Kabara, Ono-I-Lau,

Cicia, Moala, Matuku, Lomaloma, Wainibokasi, Nausori Maternity Unit, Serua/Namosi - Contingency plans for main hospitals activated as well, in the event of mass casualties and long working hours for staff currently at work.

9.45am:

Bulletin seven issued. People advised to move to higher ground. Warning of potentially dangerous tsunami waves.

10.30am:

Public advisory issued by DISMAC. People along the coast advised to stay away from beaches for the next 4-6 hours, stay out of the water (sea, rivers, including boating activities), not to go sightseeing, share this information with neighbours, friends, listen to the radio, television for updates, follow instructions of DISMAC and Police

10.45am:

Tsunami bulletin eight issued. Warning remained in force

11.45am:

Warning cancelled.