

Mick closes in on Yasawa

Monday, December 14, 2009

Update: 8:37AM TROPICAL Cyclone Mick lay off the northern end of Yasawa at 6am as it continued on a path towards Fiji.

A tropical cyclone warning was issued for Yasawa and Mamanuca, Viti Levu, Beqa and smaller islands.

Mick intensified overnight with winds of up to 80 km per hour, gusting to 100km per hour at times.

Late yesterday the cyclone had winds of 65-75 kilometres per hour gusting to 90km per hour at times.

Here is the latest special weather bulletin.

Special Weather Bulletin Number EIGHT for Fiji ON TROPICAL CYCLONE

MICK

ISSUED FROM RSMC NADI at 7:59am on Monday the 14th of December 2009

CORRECTION TO DISTANCE FROM SUVA AND TIMES..

TOPICAL CYCLONE WARNING.

A TROPICAL CYCLONE STORM WARNING IS NOW IN FORCE FOR YASAWA AND MAMANUCA, VITI LEVU, BEQA AND NEARBY SMALLER ISLANDS.

A GALE WARNING REMAINS IN FORCE FOR THE REST OF FIJI. TROPICAL CYCLONE MICK [987HPA] CENTRE CAT 1 WAS LOCATED NEAR 16

DECIMAL 6 SOUTH 176 DECIMAL 6 EAST OR ABOUT 160 KM NORTHWEST OF NADI

OR 260 KM NORTHWEST OF SUVA OR ABOUT 300 KM WEST OF LABASA AT 8 AM

TODAY. THE CYCLONE IS INTENSIFYING. CLOSE TO ITS CENTRE THE CYCLONE

IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE AVERAGE WINDS OF 85 KM/HR WITH MOMENTARY GUSTS

TO 120 KM/HR AND WINDS OF 65 KM/HR TO 80 KM/HR WITH MOMENTARY GUSTS TO

100 KM/HR WITHIN 270 KM OF CENTRE. THE CYCLONE IS MOVING TOWARDS

THE SOUTH-SOUTHEAST AT 15 KM/HR. ON THIS FORECAST TRACK THE CYCLONE CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO LIE ABOUT 20

KM TO THE NORTH-NORTHEAST OF NADI OR ABOUT 115 KM WEST-NORTHWEST OF SUVA 7 PM TODAY AND ABOUT 145 KM TO THE EAST-NORTHEAST OF NADI OR ABOUT 40 KM SOUTHEAST OF SUVA AT 7 AM TOMORROW MORNING. DESTRUCTIVE WINDS WILL BEGIN A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE CENTRE PASSES

OVERHEAD OR NEARBY. FOR YASAWA AND MAMANUCA, VITI LEVU, BEQA AND NEARBY SMALLER ISLANDS:

DESTRUCTIVE STORM FORCE WINDS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS OF 85KM/HR WITH MOMENTARY GUSTS TO 120 KM.HR.FOR THE REST OF FIJI :

DAMAGING GALE FORCE WINDS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS OF 65 TO 80 KM/HR WITH GUSTS TO 100 KM/HR. FURTHER PERIODS OF HEAVY RAIN AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS.

FLOODING INCLUDING SEA FLOODING OF LOW LYING COASTAL AREAS.FOR ROTUMA: FRESH AND GUSTY NORTHERLY WINDS. SOME RAIN AND SQUALLY

THUNDERSTORMS MODERATE TO ROUGH SEAS. MODERATE NORTHWEST SWELL. The following information is provided especially for the mariners:

EXPECT WINDS OF 45 KNOTS CLOSE TO THE CENTRE INCREASING TO 55 KNOTS IN THE NEXT 6 TO 12 HOURS. VERY HIGH SEAS.

WINDS ABOVE 33 KNOTS WITHIN 150 MILES OF CENTRE. HIGH SEAS.

DAMAGING HEAVY NORTHWEST SWELLS.

VERY POOR VISIBILITY IN HEAVY RAIN AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS.THE NEXT SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN FOR FIJI WILL BE ISSUED AROUND

11.30 AM TODAY.