

Special Weather Bulletin Number SIXTEEN for Fiji ON TROPICAL CYCLONE MICK
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CORRECTED VERSION...INCLUSION OF NAMUKA AND KABARA IN GALE WARNING

TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING.

A GALE WARNING REMAINS IN FORCE FOR MATUKU, MOALA, TOTOYA, KABARA, NAMUKA, FULAGA, OGEA, VATOA AND ONO-I-LAU. A STRONG WIND WARNING REMAINS IN FORCE FOR THE REST OF SOUTHERN LAU AND CENTRAL LAU GROUP.

TROPICAL CYCLONE MICK [985 HPA] CENTRE CAT 1 WAS LOCATED NEAR 19 DECIMAL 5 SOUTH 179 DECIMAL 0 EAST OR ABOUT 190 KM SOUTHEAST OF SUVA OR ABOUT 170 KM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF KABARA AT 7 AM THIS MORNING. CYCLONE IS WEAKENING. CLOSE TO ITS CENTRE THE CYCLONE IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE AVERAGE WINDS OF 80 KM/HR WITH MOMENTARY GUSTS TO 100 KM/HR. CYCLONE CONTINUES TO MOVE SOUTHEAST AT 20 KM/HR.

ON THIS FORECAST TRACK THE CYCLONE CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO LIE ABOUT 42 KM TO THE WEST OF ONO-I-LAU OR ABOUT 200 KM SOUTH OF KABARA AT 6 PM TODAY AND ABOUT 220 KM TO THE SOUTHEAST OF ONO-I-LAU AT 6 AM TOMORROW.

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS WILL BEGIN A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE CENTRE PASSES OVERHEAD OR NEARBY.

FOR MATUKU, MOALA, TOTOYA, KABARA, NAMUKA, VATOA, FULAGA, OGEA AND ONO-I-LAU:
DAMAGING GALE FORCE WINDS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS OF 65 TO 80 KM/HR WITH GUSTS OF 80 TO 100 KM/HR. PERIODS OF RAIN AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS, EASING LATER TONIGHT.
FLOODING INCLUDING SEA FLOODING OF LOW LYING COASTAL AREAS.

FOR THE REST OF SOUTHERN LAU AND CENTRAL LAU:
STRONG WINDS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS OF 46 TO 56 KM/HR WITH GUSTS TO 65KM/HR, EASING LATER TODAY. OCCASIONAL RAIN AND A FEW THUNDERTORMS, CLEARING TONIGHT.

FOR THE REST OF FIJI :
MODERATE TO FRESH SOUTH TO SOUTHWEST WINDS. CLOUDY PERIODS WITH FEW SHOWERS.

FOR ROTUMA: MODERATE NORTHWEST WINDS. CLOUDY PERIODS WITH A FEW SHOWERS, MODERATE SEAS.

The following information is provided especially for the mariners:
EXPECT WINDS OF 45 KNOTS CLOSE TO CENTRE. HIGH SEAS.
WINDS OVER 33 KNOTS WITHIN 150 MILES OF CENTRE WITH VERY ROUGH SEAS.
DAMAGING HEAVY NORTHWEST SWELLS.
VERY POOR VISIBILITY IN HEAVY RAIN AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS.

FOR THE REST OF SOUTHERN LAU AND CENTRAL LAU WATERS: WEST TO NORTHWEST WINDS 25 KNOTS.
ROUGH SEAS. MODERATE TO HEAVY SWELLS. FOR THE REST OF FIJI WATERS: SOUTH TO SOUTHWEST WINDS 15 KNOTS.
MODERATE SEAS. MODERATE TO HEAVY SWELLS.

THE NEXT SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN FOR FIJI WIIL BE ISSUED AROUND
11.30 AM TODAY.