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ALERT #14 ON TROPICAL STORM NICOLE, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 8PM EST, TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

...NICOLE LIKELY TO BECOME A HURRICANE BY WEDNESDAY...

...WEATHER CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE..... LIFE-THREATENING SEA CONDITIONS PERSIST IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS...

A HURRICANE WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE ISLANDS OF GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI, AND THE BERRY ISLANDS.

A HURRICANE WARNING MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS COULD BE EXPERIENCED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ISLANDS WITHIN 36 HOURS.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE ISLANDS OF ELEUTHERA, NEW PROVIDENCE AND ANDROS.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING MEANS THAT TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS COULD BE EXPERIENCED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ISLANDS WITHIN 36 HOURS.

AT 7PM EST, THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM NICOLE WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 27.3° DEGREES NORTH AND LONGITUDE 74.3° DEGREES WEST, OR ABOUT:

**175 MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF HOPE TOWN, ABACO
225 MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF EAST END, GRAND BAHAMA
190 MILES NORTHEAST OF GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR, ELEUTHERA
245 MILES NORTHEAST OF NEW PROVIDENCE
AND 275 MILES NORTHEAST OF NICHOLLS TOWN, ANDROS.**

NICOLE IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST-SOUTHWEST NEAR 10 MPH. A WEST-SOUTHWESTWARD MOTION IS EXPECTED THROUGH EARLY WEDNESDAY. A WESTWARD TO WEST-NORTHWEST MOTION IS FORECAST TO BEGIN LATER ON WEDNESDAY, FOLLOWED BY A TURN TOWARD THE NORTHWEST AND NORTH-NORTHWEST ON THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT.

ON THE FORECAST TRACK, THE CENTER OF NICOLE WILL APPROACH THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS TONIGHT, MOVE NEAR OR OVER THE ISLANDS OF ABACO AND GRAND BAHAMA ON WEDNESDAY, AND APPROACH THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA WEDNESDAY NIGHT OR EARLY THURSDAY NIGHT.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 65 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS. SOME STRENGTHENING IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT DAY OR SO, AND NICOLE IS FORECAST TO BECOME A HURRICANE ON WEDNESDAY WHEN IT IS NEAR THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS, AND REMAIN A HURRICANE WHEN IT REACHES THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA.

TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 380 MILES FROM THE CENTER.

STORM SURGE COULD RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS MUCH AS 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL TIDE LEVELS ALONG THE IMMEDIATE COAST IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS.

LARGE SWELLS GENERATED BY NICOLE WILL AFFECT THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. THESE SWELLS ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE LIFE-THREATENING SURF AND RIP CURRENT CONDITIONS.

NICOLE IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 3 TO 5 INCHES WITH LOCALIZED HIGHER AMOUNTS OF UP TO 8 INCHES ACROSS THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS TODAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

THE FORMATION OF WATERSPOUTS AND TORNADOS ARE POSSIBLE DURING THE PASSAGE OF NICOLE THROUGH THE BAHAMAS. BOATERS ARE ADVISED TO REMAIN IN PORT OR MOVE VESSELS TO SAFE HARBOUR.

RESIDENTS IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS TONIGHT. THOSE RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY ON THE ISLANDS OF GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI AND THE BERRY ISLANDS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE HURRICANE CONDITIONS EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

INTERESTS IN THE CENTRAL BAHAMAS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF NICOLE.

THE NEXT ALERT ON TROPICAL STORM NICOLE WILL BE ISSUED AT 11PM EST, TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

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