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**ALERT #18 ON TROPICAL STORM NICOLE, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 8AM EST, WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022.**

**...NICOLE MOVING TOWARD GREAT ABACO ISLAND IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS...**

**...TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS SPREADING ACROSS THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS ...  
...SEAS REMAIN TREACHEROUS 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 7AM EST, THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM NICOLE WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 26.6° DEGREES NORTH AND LONGITUDE 75.2° DEGREES WEST, OR ABOUT:**

**55 MILES EAST OF HOPE TOWN, ABACO  
105 MILES EAST OF EAST END, GRAND BAHAMA  
95 MILES NORTH OF GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR ELEUTHRA  
125 MILES NORTHEAST OF NEW PROVIDENCE  
AND 150 MILES NORTHEAST OF NICHOLL'S TOWN, ANDROS.**

**NICOLE IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST NEAR 13 MPH. A TURN TOWARD THE WEST IS EXPECTED TODAY, FOLLOWED BY A TURN TOWARD THE NORTHWEST ON THURSDAY, AND NORTH OR NORTH-NORTHEAST ON FRIDAY. ON THE FORECAST TRACK, THE CENTER OF NICOLE WILL APPROACH THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS THIS MORNING, MOVE NEAR OR OVER THOSE ISLANDS BY MIDDAY, AND APPROACH THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA TONIGHT.**

**MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 70 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS. SOME STRENGTHENING IS EXPECTED TODAY AND NICOLE IS FORECAST TO BECOME A HURRICANE NEAR THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS AND REMAIN A HURRICANE WHEN IT REACHES THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA TONIGHT.**

NICOLE IS A LARGE TROPICAL STORM. TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 460 MILES ESPECIALLY TO THE NORTH OF THE CENTER.

**AT 7AM, SETTLEMENT POINT IN GRAND BAHAMA REPORTED WINDS GUSTING TO 46 MPH, WHILE HOPE TOWN ABACO REPORTED WINDS GUSTING TO 50 MPH.**

STORM SURGE, AS MUCH AS 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL TIDE, IS BEGINNING TO IMPACT THE COASTAL SHORES OF ABACO 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.**

**RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY ON THE ISLANDS OF GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI AND THE BERRY ISLANDS SHOULD ANTICIPATE POSSIBLE HURRICANE CONDITIONS LATER TODAY.**

**INTERESTS IN THE CENTRAL BAHAMAS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF**

**NICOLE.**

THE NEXT ALERT ON TROPICAL STORM NICOLE WILL BE ISSUED AT 11AM EST, WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022.

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