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ALERT #21 ON TROPICAL STORM NICOLE, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 5PM EST, WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

...NICOLE BRINGING A DANGEROUS STORM SURGE AND STRONG WINDS TO GRAND BAHAMA...

...TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO SPREAD ACROSS THE EXTREME NORTHWEST BAHAMAS...

...PERILOUS SEA CONDITIONS REMAIN IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS...

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

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

AT 4PM EST, THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM NICOLE WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 26.5° DEGREES NORTH AND LONGITUDE 77.9° DEGREES WEST, OR ABOUT:

**50 MILES EAST OF FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA
105 MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF NEW PROVIDENCE
AND 100 MILES NORTHEAST OF ALICE TOWN, BIMINI**

NICOLE IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NEAR 13 MPH. A TURN TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST IS EXPECTED TONIGHT, FOLLOWED BY A TURN TOWARD THE NORTHWEST ON THURSDAY, AND NORTH OR NORTH-NORTHEAST ON FRIDAY. PRESENTLY THE CENTER OF NICOLE IS MOVING OVER EASTERN GRAND BAHAMA. ON THE FORECAST TRACK, THE CENTER WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE OVER THE ISLAND OF GRAND BAHAMA, AND ONSHORE THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA TONIGHT.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 70 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS. SOME STRENGTHENING IS EXPECTED THIS EVENING AND NICOLE IS FORECAST TO BECOME A HURRICANE BEFORE IT REACHES THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA TONIGHT.

NICOLE IS A LARGE TROPICAL STORM. TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 485 MILES ESPECIALLY TO THE NORTH OF THE CENTER.

AT 4:00 PM, STRONG GUSTS OF UP TO 53 MPH WAS RECORDED AT THE GRAND BAHAMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. SETTLEMENT POINT IN GRAND BAHAMA REPORTED WINDS GUSTING TO 47 MPH.

STORM SURGE INUNDATION, AS MUCH AS 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL TIDE, IS IMPACTING THE COASTAL SHORES OF THE ISLANDS IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS. THEREFORE, RESIDENTS IN THESE ISLANDS SHOULD AVOID THE COASTAL AREAS AND MOVE FURTHER INLAND.

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 DANGEROUS RIP CURRENTS.

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, IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS ARE ADVISED TO REMAIN INDOORS WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS DETERIORATE. THOSE PARTICULARLY ON THE ISLANDS OF GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO AND THE BERRY ISLANDS SHOULD ANTICIPATE POSSIBLE HURRICANE CONDITIONS TONIGHT.

THE NEXT ALERT ON TROPICAL STORM NICOLE WILL BE ISSUED AT 8PM EST, WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

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