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ALERT #22 ON HURRICANE NICOLE, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 8PM EST, WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

...NICOLE BECOMES A HURRICANE AND CONTINUES TO BRING DANGEROUS STORM SURGE AND STRONG WINDS TO 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 7PM EST, THE CENTER OF HURRICANE NICOLE WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 26.6° DEGREES NORTH AND LONGITUDE 78.5° DEGREES WEST, OR ABOUT:

**10 MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA
125 MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF NEW PROVIDENCE
AND 80 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 TO NORTH-NORTHEAST ON FRIDAY. ON THE FORECAST TRACK, THE CENTER OF NICOLE CONTINUES TO MOVE OVER THE ISLAND OF GRAND BAHAMA, AND MOVE ONSHORE THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA TONIGHT.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 75 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS. LITTLE CHANGE IN STRENGTH IS EXPECTED TONIGHT.

HURRICANE-STORM-FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 10 MILES FROM THE CENTER AND TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 485 MILES ESPECIALLY TO THE NORTH OF THE CENTER.

RECENTLY, STRONG GUSTS OF UP TO 60 MPH WAS RECORDED AT THE GRAND BAHAMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. SETTLEMENT POINT IN GRAND BAHAMA REPORTED WINDS GUSTING TO 61 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 TORNADOES IS 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 HURRICANE NICOLE WILL BE ISSUED AT 11PM EST, WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

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