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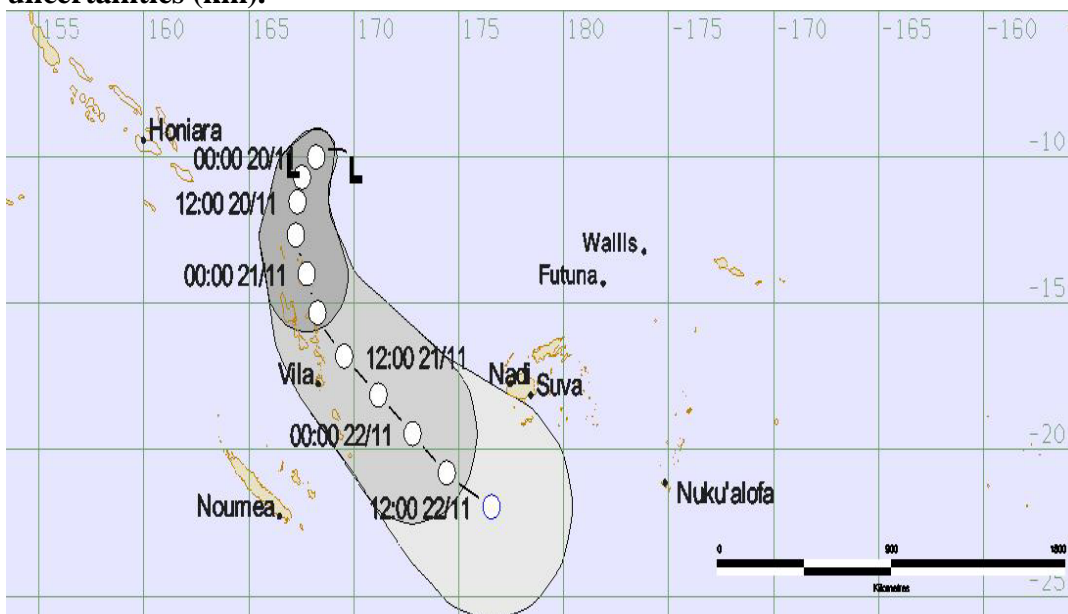
**TROPICAL DEPRESSION TD02F**

**A Tropical Depression TD 02F [1004hPa] centre was located near 10.0 South latitude and 168.2 East longitude or about 865km north of Port Vila, Vanuatu, or 1320 km north-west of Nadi at 3pm today. It is currently slow moving but expected to move towards the south in the next 24 hours, before turning and accelerating towards the southeast.**

The Depression is intensifying and has a moderate probability of becoming a tropical cyclone in the next 24 hours. However, from Thursday, the system is expected to be moving into an area of unfavourable conditions, which will significantly reduce its chances of developing into a tropical cyclone, thus, remain as a tropical depression, as it heads into the high seas

At this stage, the TD02F is not expected to directly affect Fiji. However, from Wednesday night and into Thursday, the associated active rain bands will bring rain, heavy at times, over the country with possibly strong and gusty northwest winds and squally thunderstorms .

**Current and Forecast Track of TD02F. Elipses represent the 24-hr, 48-hr and 72-hr uncertainties (km).**



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