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MEDIA RELEASE

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TROPICAL DEPRESSION TD04F

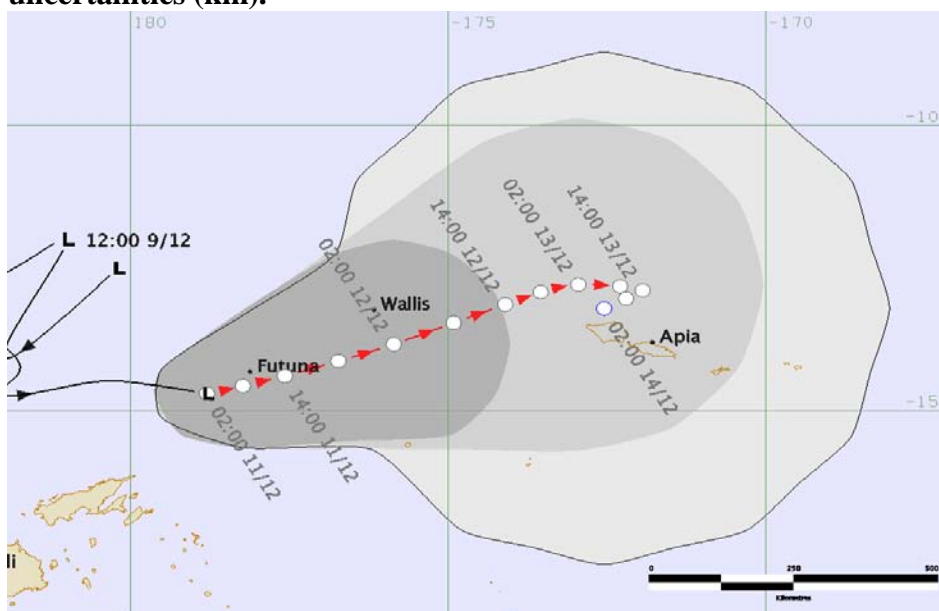
A Tropical Depression TD 04F [999 hPa] centre was located near 14.7 South latitude and 178.8 West longitude or about 320km north-northeast of Labasa at 4pm today. It is moving towards the east, away from Fiji, at 09 knots. The Depression is intensifying and has a moderate probability of becoming a tropical cyclone in the next 24 hours, but high in the next 48 hours.

At this stage, TD 04F is anticipated to continue tracking eastwards to Samoa as a tropical depression, where during Thursday or Friday, turn back towards Fiji. Global numerical weather guidance products are agreeing on this system re-curving as a tropical cyclone and to directly impact Fiji from Sunday 16th December.

Subsequently, Fiji needs to be prepared and ready, now.

At the time this release is being prepared, the heavy rain warning previously in force for the Northern Division and Northern Lau is cancelled. Fine weather should return to the country apart from trade showers and a few afternoon or evening thunderstorms about the interior and western parts of main islands.

Current and Forecast Track of TD04F. Elipses represent the 24-hr, 48-hr and 72-hr uncertainties (km).



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