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TROPICAL CYCLONE ANA HAS BEEN DOWNGRADED TO A TROPICAL LOW

Tropical Cyclone(TC) Ana rapidly weakened to below cyclone intensity overnight while encountering unfavourable conditions and cool sea surface temperatures. Ex-TC Ana has been downgraded to a tropical low early this morning while located to the far south of Fiji.

Meanwhile, Tropical Cyclone(TC) Lucas lies to the north of Vanuatu and poses no direct threat to the Fiji Group at this stage. The Fiji Meteorological Service will continue to monitor this system.

Although gale force winds is no longer a threat over the Fiji Group, strong winds is still a concern over land areas of southern Lau. However, winds expected to ease and weather becoming fine from later today.

Heavy rain warning has been cancelled for the Fiji Group, nonetheless a flood alert remains in force all low lying areas and areas next to and downstream of Rakiraki, Waidina, Wainibuka, Wainimala, Waimanu, Rewa and all rivers of Vanua Levu. Water level is decreasing in these areas and alert is expected to be cancelled later today.

A flash flood alert has also been maintained for all low lying areas and areas next to small streams and creeks in Vanua Levu and low lying areas within Rewa Catchment and Rakiraki to Ba.

Mariners are warned of gale force winds up to 35 knots gusting to 50 knots over southern Lau waters and strong west to northwest winds of 20 to 30 knots with gusts up to 45 knots and rough seas for Vatu-i-Ra Passage, Koro Sea and northern Lau waters.

Generally fine weather apart from brief showers prevails over the rest of the Fiji Group.

Members of the public are reminded that Fiji is still in the cyclone season which will end in April, therefore it is essential that all Fijians remain vigilant and prepared.

For more details and the latest on weather, please contact the National Weather Forecasting Centre on **6736006, 9905376** or visit the Fiji Meteorological Service's website, www.met.gov.fj. You can also visit the Fiji Meteorological Service official Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram for latest updates.

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