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MEDIA RELEASE

4pm Tuesday 18th December 2012

SEVERE TROPICAL CYCLONE "EVAN"

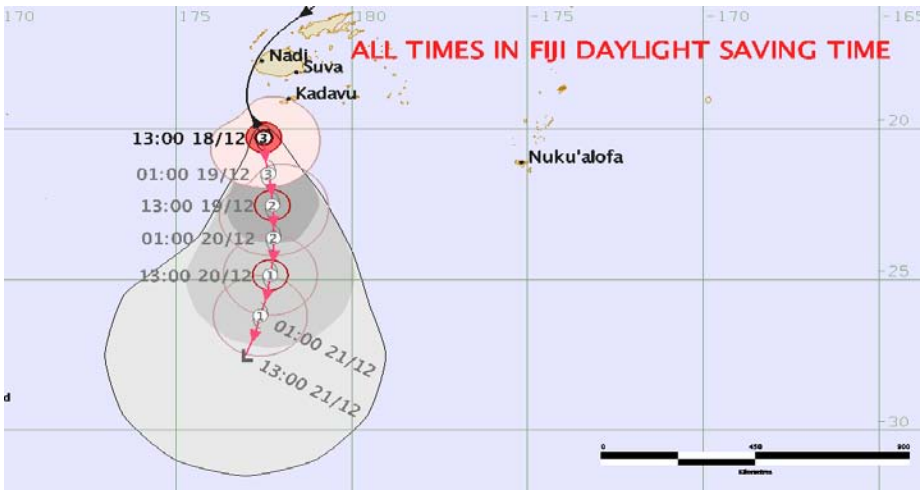
Severe Tropical Cyclone Evan [970 hPa] Category (CAT) 3 centre was located near 20.3 South latitude and 177.5 East longitude or about 285km south of Nadi or 160 km south-southwest of Kadavu at 2pm DST Tuesday 18th December. It is now moving towards the south-southeast at 15 km/hr and beginning to weaken. Close to the centre, maximum sustained winds are estimated around 80 knots (150 km/hr).

Evan is heading further away from Fiji and no longer poses any direct threat to the country. However, strong winds to 50km/hr with momentary gusts to 85 km/hr are still expected especially over Kadavu, but gradually easing to fresh and gusty. Seas will be rough with moderate to heavy swells. Cloudy periods with some showers about the eastern half of Fiji. Fine elsewhere apart from a few cloudy periods.

At this time, it should be noted that Flood Warnings are still valid for the low-lying areas about and near the Nayavu River, Navolau River, Nabukaluka River, Nairukuruku River and Rewa River.

While TC Evan is not a threat to Fiji anymore, all communities are still urged to heed warnings, especially those in the Central and Eastern parts of Viti Levu, with the real threat of river flooding.

Current and Forecast Track of TC Evan as at 2pm Fiji DST Tuesday 18th December. Elipses represent the 24-hr, 48-hr and 72-hr uncertainties (km).



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